

Western University
FRENCH 2905 A, (Summer 2018)

LANGUAGE & READING

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Communications: All communications from and for this course are handled **through the Owl website** (tool : Annonces & Messages). Our **Announcements** are **NOT sent to your email** address, so please check the Owl site daily.

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Anti / Pre-requisites: French 1910 or French 1900E or French 1999 or Permission of the Department based on the Placement Test.

I Description et objectifs généraux du cours

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Ce cours vise à améliorer les habiletés en langue française en général, tout

aux étudiantes et étudiants ayant déjà atteint un niveau intermédiaire (niveau B1 selon le Cadre Européen Commun de Référence pour les Langues, CECRL) en

CECLR.

développer leurs compétences communicatives en français ainsi que leur compréhension des formes et des structures de la langue, afin des usagers indépendants, avancés. Le cours 2905A contribue au développement

alors que le cours 2906B se concentre sur la production écrite, ainsi que sur la production et les interactions orales.

Au terme des deux cou :

- 1) Sera en mesure de comprendre le contenu essentiel de sujets concrets ou abstraits dans un texte complexe, y compris une discussion technique dans sa spécialité.

Objectifs : stratégies et analyse au 2905A

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1. Participation et discussions (5 %)

Devoirs de participation. Every Monday, you will receive an announcement in Owl explaining the **weekly requirement** for « Devoirs de participation », to be fulfilled before the next Sunday at 23h55. Typically, you will be given a subject and asked to post a minimum number of short messages in our Forum (written) or *VoiceThread* (video).

Criteria for these postings are that they be: short; expressed in good French; constructive, collaborative, respectful; sound, objective, relevant to the question asked. They should make use of course material or other material pertaining to Francophone culture, in the French language.

Grade evoirs de participation

(criteria). This grade is given for the ensemble of your postings: individual postings are not

average assiduity and quality are also met. EXCELLENCE is achieved by higher standards in quantity, assiduity and general quality.

Participation

3. Online Tests (3*10%)

These 3 online assessments are cumulative and will test grammar and vocabulary. An exam study plan will be announced for each test.

Test #1 covers Modules 1 and 2 and is open to take between Sunday May 13 at noon and Tuesday May 15 at noon.

Test #2 covers Modules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and is open to take between Sunday May 27 at noon and Tuesday May 29 at noon.

Test #3 covers Modules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and is open to take between **Wednesday** June 13 at noon and **Friday** June 15 at **22h00**.

Tests are in the form of short answers or multiple choice. They assess grammar from *Mise en Pratique* (Manuel & Cahier) and vocabulary acquisitions from *Arsène Lupin Gentleman Cambrioleur*.

Words that are highlighted in our PDF of *Arsène Lupin Gentleman Cambrioleur* will

access to their personal *OWL by Sakai* s login
access to their personal *VoiceThread* automatic
(through our class Owl website)

For general technical issues, please see first: <http://www.uwo.ca/its/helpdesk/>

For issues with *VoiceThread*, see: <https://voicethread.com/support/contact/>

V Taking Online Tests and Quizzes

Code of conduct

Distance learning can only work if students live by the same ethics online as on campus. By registering in this online course, you are agreeing to the *University of Western Ontario Code of Student Conduct*

(<http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/board/code.pdf>) and the *Scholastic Discipline For Undergraduate Students*

(<http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2016/pg113.html>).

Ultimately, each student is responsible for his or her learning achievements, and this is why we trust that you will take online examinations as you would on campus, and this includes explicitly **not seeking outside** help (human, printed, software, web, etc.) when no indications otherwise permit you to do so.

A quiet setting

Some online tests are metered and cannot be interrupted, so make sure to have a **quiet** environment, complete with **earphones** for eventual audio test components.

Turn your **phone off**, as well as all messaging or email software that could distract you with noises or **pop-up** windows.

To avoid possible software glitches, before taking a test online, it is advisable to **restart your computer** and launch only one browser application, with only one window open, and leave **no other programs running** in the background.

At the end, make sure you save all your answers before you submit for grading.

Submitting an assignment

Instructions for assignment in Owl:

<https://owl.uwo.ca/portal/help/TOCDisplay/content.hlp?docId=howdoisubmitanassignment>

When you have finished, click *Submit* at the bottom of the screen. Do not click *Submit* until you are certain that you have completed the assignment. Once you click *Submit*, you will no longer be able to access the assignment (e.g., to add more text or attachments).

You will receive an email message confirming your submission. If you do not receive a confirmation, check to see if you have successfully submitted the assignment or contact your Instructor within 24 hours.

VI Posting in a Forum

Instructions for posting:

<https://owl.uwo.ca/portal/help/TOCDisplay/content.hlp?docId=howdoiposttoforum>

Instructions for replying:

<https://owl.uwo.ca/portal/help/TOCDisplay/content.hlp?docId=howdoireplytoforumpostieconversation>

Some Instructors may not grant permission to edit or delete posts, so make sure you have carefully edited your message before posting. For Forums (*not* for tests or dictations) it is recommended to work in a Word or Notepad document and then copy over your message content if your post is long to avoid losing your work if an Internet outage occurs.

Please make sure to Read in every individual Forum posting that you actually read; failure to do so will prevent your instructor from knowing that you did read the posts.

VII Technical difficulty

Technical difficulties are **not** considered grounds for late or absent submissions. Technical difficulties include: French keyboard issues, audio, video, lost data, internet connection, bottlenecks on busy network, etc. Since these do happen, please **never wait to the last moment to complete work online.**

are not sure your work was submitted properly, it is your responsibility to contact the Instructor within 24 hours by email and explain your concern or technical difficulty. You will be requested to provide documentation (screen capture, date stamp, etc.) proving that the assignment was completed on time and that you attempted to submit it.

In only rare and exceptional circumstances is accommodation granted by the Department in such a case.

Students are advised to submit their work well before the deadline posted on the site, so as to avoid being caught i assignments on OWL at the same time

VIII Communication with the Instructor about course-related matters

Instructors post regular public **announcements** that students receive on the « Announcements » section in Owl.

Announcements for this course are **not** sent to your **email**, just to the Owl site, so do check the Owl site daily.

Instructors will send **private messages** to students using the Owl. Students should reply to these messages from within Owl (NOT from their own email application).

Students

communicating with the Instructor about all normal course-related matters.

Please **avoid** using

normal business pertaining to this online course.

Students are advised to **keep a copy** of all written correspondence with the Instructor for the duration of the course.

IX Late submissions

In Owl *Tests, Dictées, Quiz MEP, Assignments* *Forum Assignments*

Forum

vary from one assignment to the other.

Late submission **penalty**

Assignments

Forum

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period after the normal due date. Please refer to each assignment instructions to see the last possible submission day and time (after which submissions are no longer possible).

In *VoiceThread*. The *VoiceThread* tool does not include late submission permission settings (yet). Late submission penalty: 10% of the homework grade is deducted per complete 24-

General Policy on Attendance

instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course, will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course. The Dean of the Faculty offering the

(http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/academic_policies/examinations.html)

Important Academic Information for Students Taking Courses in the Department of French Studies

http://www.uwo.ca/french/undergraduate/counselling/academic_information/index.html

Bienvenue et bon travail au cours 2905 !