

Duval County AP French Language Syllabus

Course Overview

Primary Text: *Bravo*, 5th edition and ancillaries, including audio CD's and video DVD's.

Primary Workbook:

- *Amsco's French Four Years: Advanced French with AP Component*
- *Preparing for the AP Language Exam*

Other sources and materials

- Released AP Exams and student samples
- Various sources of reading materials, such as newspapers, magazines, Internet articles, and other publications
- Various sources of authentic audio and video recordings

This course is designed to provide students with a learning experience equivalent to that of a third year college course in French language. The course will develop students' reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills at this level. Through writing, reading and speaking on a wide range of topics, students expand their vocabulary, develop their writing style in French, and improve their critical thinking skills - all in the target language. The use of English in the classroom is not permitted.

Listening skills continue to be developed by participating in classroom discussions, viewing, listening and discussing authentic audio and video recordings that develop listening and speaking skills.

Reading skills are enhanced through textual readings, articles and authentic publications.

Objectives

Students should be able to:

- understand the French of native speakers in a variety of contexts and representing a variety of francophone cultures;
- understand non-technical written texts from a variety of sources (magazines and newspaper articles, correspondence, literary texts, etc.);
- achieve a level of oral proficiency comprehensible to the francophone listener on a variety of topics and in a variety of settings and situations;

- achieve a level of written proficiency comprehensible to the native reader in a variety of modes (i.e. letters, compositions, e-mails, critiques and narratives) and on a variety of topics;
- integrate the four language skills through the use of authentic materials; and
- enhance their knowledge of francophone cultures.

Course Planner

1st quarter

- thèmes
 - la famille et les rapports
 - la consommation et la santé
 - les adolescents (les activités et le travail, etc.)
- grammaire
 - révision des temps des verbes de l'indicatif (présent, passé composé, imparfait, futur, conditionnel)
 - révision de l'impératif
 - révision du présent du subjonctif
 - révision des articles

2nd quarter

- thèmes
 - le mode de vie (les habitations et la carrière)
 - le voyage et les transports et la géographie du monde francophone
 - l'éducation et la technologie
- grammaire
 - pronoms
 - prépositions
 - verbes suivis des prépositions
 - plus-que-parfait, futur antérieur et conditionnel passé
 - l'infinitif présent et l'infinitif passé
 - le participe présent

3rd quarter

- thèmes
 - les actualités: la politique, les problèmes sociaux
 - les télécommunications
 - l'écologie

- grammaire
 - passé simple
 - voix passive
 - expressions négatives

4th quarter

- thèmes
 - les beaux-arts
 - le cinéma
 - le théâtre
- grammaire
 - comparatif et superlatif
 - adjectifs et adverbes irréguliers

Assessment

- Weekly listening activities from *Bravo* and *AP Guide* texts
- Reading comprehension quizzes from assigned texts as well as authentic texts, taken from various outside sources
- Speaking – AP exam-style oral proficiency exam, some tape-recorded; in class discussion of thematic readings.
- Writing- bi-weekly essays on quarter themes.
- Grammar and vocabulary exams.

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