

French II

Readiness Profile & Course Expectations

Prerequisite: Completion of French I with a grade of “C” or higher

Course General Description:

Experience has shown that successful French students come to class ready to learn with a positive attitude an open mind as well as a willingness to ask questions, speak, read, write and listen at a novice level.

The French II course places an emphasis on correct pronunciation, listening comprehension, vocabulary development, the fundamentals of verb conjugations in present and past tense, and the formation of simple, complete and grammatically correct French sentences.

Student Background:

Students entering **FRENCH II** should also be able to do the following things:

- Write a brief paragraph in French on a given topic: Describe your bedroom, what do you like to do on the weekend, describe your typical school day, describe an outfit or what a person looks like.
- Comfortably answer questions orally in French.
- Demonstrate listening comprehension skills by completing a variety of audio activities.

Examples:

Questions students should be able to answer when entering **FRENCH II**:

1. Complete in present tense: (faire) Je ___ mes devoirs.	2. Complete in present tense: C'est vrai tu ___ raison.
3. J'aime ___ jambon. Je vais acheter ___ jambon à la charcuterie.	4. Write 5 sentences in the past tense describing your last trip to the movies.

Course Content:

In **FRENCH II**, students will learn concepts such as:

- Expanded vocabulary for talking about home, friends, family, school, entertainment, travel, vacation, health and daily routine
- Correct verb forms in present, *passé composé*, *imparfait* with an emphasis on past tense and an introduction to future and conditional tenses.
- Possessive Adjectives

- Object pronouns
- Appreciation and understanding of culture in Francophone areas

Examples:

Questions students should be able to answer upon completion of **FRENCH II**:

1. Complete in past tense: (aller) Hier soir, nous ____ ____ au cinema.	2. Looking at a weather map, describe (orally) The weather in 5 cities picture.
3. Listen to a series of statements and decide if they are in the present, past or future tense.	4. Write a paragraph in the past tense describing your last plane trip.

Workload Expectations:

- Students will be expected to spend an average of approximately **30 minutes to an hour** outside of class on homework for each class period.
- **French II** maintains a pace of approximately **1 unit per month followed by a unit exam**.
Each semester will have approximately **6 tests** and **numerous quizzes**.

Other indicators of potential success in **FRENCH II** include:

- Success in another foreign language
- Ability to write basic paragraphs in French
- Ability to answer questions in French

Assessment:

The following will assess student achievement:

Exams and Quizzes 50%

Projects and Writing Assignments 20 %

Homework 15%

Class and Oral Participation 15%

Grading Scale:

100-98% A+

97-93% A

92-90% A-

89-88% B+

87-83% B

82-80% B-

79-78% C+

77-73% C

72-70% C-

69-68% D+

67-63% D

62-60% D-

59% or lower F