

**MISSISSAUGA SECONDARY SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL STUDIES
COURSE INFORMATION
2007 - 2008**

COURSE: FSF4U0

Required preparation: FSF 3U0

Required text and replacement cost:

Voyages 3	\$50.00
Voyages 3 Cahier	\$10.00
Supplementary readers	\$20.00 each
French/English dictionary	Personal copy

Course Description

This course draws on a variety of themes to promote extensive development of French language skills. Students will consolidate their oral skills as they discuss literature, culture, and current issues. They will read a variety of texts and will write a formal essay. The use of correct grammar and appropriate language conventions in both spoken and written French will be emphasized throughout the course.

By the end of the course, students should be able to demonstrate the following enduring understandings:

- Recognize and use appropriate language structures;
- Use critical-thinking skills in responding to classmates' presentations;
- Use newly acquired vocabulary in conversation and in written work;
- Apply specific research skills (e.g. identifying sources, gathering data, taking notes, outlining) in preparing an assignment;
- Use reading strategies to determine the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary and idiomatic expressions;
- Revise their writing to ensure that ideas and opinions are clearly presented.

Students will demonstrate achievement of the course expectations through the completion of summative tasks such as:

Unit	Grammatical Structures	Summative Task	Approximate Timelines
Unit 1 <i>optique : carrières</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>le subjonctif et l'infinitif</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • résumé and job interview • unit test • composition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • early October • mid-October • late October
Unit 2 <i>on s'engage</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>le passé du subjonctif</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • journal • unit test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mid-November • mid-November
Unit 3 <i>branchez-vous!</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>les pronoms relatifs</i> • <i>la voix passive</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • web page • debate • unit test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • late November • early December • mid-December
Unit 4 <i>à la française!</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>la possession</i> • <i>les conjonctions</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • formal essay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mid-January
Final Evaluations		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research oral presentation • listening exam • written exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • late January

Literature may include the following works: *Le Petit Prince* (de Saint-Exupéry) and *Les enfants du bonhomme dans la lune* (Carrier).

Assessment and Evaluation

Definitions

Diagnostic: This refers to assessment activities undertaken at the beginning of a block of learning to determine student's strengths and learning needs in order to plan, modify, and adjust instruction or to provide alternative learning opportunities. Diagnostic assessment data are not used in the determination of grades.

Formative: This refers to the ongoing assessment and/or evaluation during the learning process. It is used to monitor student performance and provide feedback in an effort to enhance and improve their performance on summative tasks. As well, recorded formative data may be tracked and monitored to support professional judgment in cases where the body of summative evidence provided by the student has been affected by illness, missed assignments, etc.

Summative: This refers to assessment and/or evaluation that occurs at the conclusion of a block of learning for the purposes of determining the grade. Summative assessment provides the foundation for teachers' professional judgment. These assessments are reported across the four categories of the achievement chart.

70% of the student's final grade is based on summative tasks completed throughout the term with attention given to most consistent and more recent achievement where applicable. 30% of the student's final grade is based on the culminating task(s) and/or exam towards the end of the course.

The assessments will be distributed across four achievement chart categories using a variety of assessment methods:

Knowledge and Understanding	Thinking and Inquiry/Problem Solving	Communication	Application/Making Connections
Knowledge of facts and terms, understanding of concepts, principles and theories, understanding their relationships	Critical thinking skills	Communication of information and ideas, use of language and visuals, communicating to different audiences for different purposes	Making connections with the material to the outside world, application of ideas and skills to familiar contexts, transfer ideas and skills to new contexts.
15%	20%	20%	15%

Learning Skills:

It is an expectation that each student is assessed not only on their academic achievement but also on their Learning Skills. These skills include: **Working Independently, Organization, Initiative, Work Habits & Homework, Teamwork.** Learning skills will not be factored into the grade for this course but will appear on the report card. It is important to remember that the development and consistent practice of these skills will influence academic achievement.

Missed Assessments:

To earn a credit students have a responsibility to submit sufficient evidence of understanding within established deadlines. It is in the student's best interest to submit evidence of learning at every opportunity that is provided, so that his/her grade accurately reflects what was learned. In the event that a student produces insufficient evidence in the key understandings for the course, the entire credit is at stake.

It is a very serious matter for a student to miss opportunities to demonstrate understanding through assessment. One of the consequences of missing an assessment is that the student may be assigned an Incomplete (I) for that task. If the student fails to provide a sufficient body of assessment evidence to the teacher, the entire credit may be Incomplete.

Deadlines

Some deadlines are negotiable, some are absolute. If the student does not complete or submit work on either an absolute or a negotiated deadline, that work will be considered incomplete. The student should seek assistance from the teacher when unable to complete the task due to insufficient knowledge or skill. **It is the responsibility of the student** to negotiate an alternate deadline **in advance** when he/she is unable to complete the task on time.

Plagiarism/Cheating:

Please refer to the section on academic honesty on page 31 - 32 in the Student Agenda.

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I have read and do understand the evaluation policy for this course.

Printed student name and signature:

Parent/Guardian signature:

Date: _____