

COURSE SYLLABUS FORM

**American University of Beirut
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Department: CS
Course Number and Title: French 201**

1. Course Learning Outcomes

French 201 is offered to students who have no-or very little-knowledge of French. By the end of the semester they should be able to:

- **Make a short conversation that includes a number of 30 questions and answers relevant to daily life subjects.**
- **Write a narrative, descriptive text about people (physical portrait, moral qualities, professions and activities) about objects (places, space, time, weather, habitat)**
- **Use simple verbs (4 groups) in the present, past and future in all forms.**
- **Recognize sentence structures and analyze easy texts (grammatically and content wise)**
- **Summarize orally a reading of fair complexity.**

2. Resources Available to Students

Books : a classical basic grammar book; by

A. G. Manger: Cours de Langue et de Civilisation Francaise; vol. 1, Hachette (25 lessons)

B. A modern conversational book, with audio cassettes and a exercise book, by Capelle and Gidou: Le Nouvel Espaces, vol. 1, Hachette. (5 units)

Dictionary French/English – English/French

Extra work is given to monitor and boost student's progress individually. The assignment is given by the teacher and can come from students according to need and initiative.

3. Grading Criteria

Announced at the beginning of the course:

- **Exam I (1/3 of the material) 20 %**
- **Exam II (2/3 of the material) 20 %**
- **Final Exam: all the material 40 %**
- **Extra work upon student initiative and interest 10 %**
- **Teacher's evaluation on progress 10 %**

4. Schedule

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Assignments</u>
Week 1+2	- Presentation of the language - Pronunciation - Identification of objects	- 8 basic questions - 3 lab language sessions	- 6 lessons (A) - 0+1 lesson (B)
Week 3+4+5	- Presentation of objects - Adjectives, colour, size, place	- 8 questions and answers - writing and conversing to describe an object - 2 lab sessions	- 6+7+8 lessons (A) - 0+1 unit (B) - Exam I
Week 5+6+7	- Presentation of a person - name, age, address, etc...	- Possessive adjectives - dialogue and long conversation - 2 lab sessions	- 9+10 lessons (A) - 1+2 unit (B)
Week 8+9+10	- portrait of a person: Face, body, profession...	- writing paragraph - conversing - 4 lab sessions - verbs (present)	- 10+14 lessons (A) - 2+3 units (B) - Exam II
Week 11+12 +13	- Houses - Offices - Space - Weather - Seasons	- 8 questions and answers on the weather, time, seasons, dates - verbs (past)	- lessons 14-20 book A - unit 3, book B
Week 14+15	- Roads -Directions -Daily activities	- 4 lab sessions -writing two pages - conversing for 10 mn.	- lessons 20-25 - unit 4 & 5, 4 book (B) - Final exam

5. Course Policy (if any)

Policy announced at beginning of the course:

If a student proves to be a non-beginner, he/she are asked to drop, this course is clearly for beginners. (small tests are given sporadically to test this issue)

- Attendance is a must especially for a language course.
- Three absences in a row without prior notice lead to drop.
- Below average performance are given extra attention and extra work.

- **Quizzes are announced. No make-up unless valid excuse. Corrections are a must to learn from mistakes.**