**FRENCH 601C, SPRING 2014**  
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BEFORE coming to class each day, PREPARE everything your instructor has assigned in the text, *Français interactif*, on the website [www.laits.utexas.edu/fi](http://www.laits.utexas.edu/fi), and on Canvas.

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| 2     | Monday, January 20  
Tuesday-Friday, January 21-24  
*Friday, January 24* | MLK Day Holiday  
Chapter 1  
*EXAM 1 (Ch. 0-1)* |
| 3     | Monday-Thursday, January 27-31 | Chapter 2  
*Wednesday, January 29 is last day to drop without possible academic penalty* |
| 4     | Monday-Friday, February 3-7  
*Friday, February 7* | Chapter 2  
*EXAM 2* |
| 5     | Monday-Friday, February 10-14 | Chapter 3  
*EXAM 3* |
| 6     | Monday-Friday, February 17-21  
*Friday, February 21* | Chapter 3  
*EXAM 3* |
| 7     | Monday-Friday, February 24-28 | Chapter 4  
*EXAM 4* |
| 8     | Monday-Friday, March 3-7  
*Friday, March 7* | Chapter 4  
*EXAM 4* |
|       | SPRING BREAK: March 10-14 | |
| 9     | Monday-Friday, March 17-21 | Chapter 5  
*EXAM 5* |
| 10    | Monday-Friday, March 24-28  
*Friday, March 28* | Chapter 5  
*EXAM 5* |
| 11    | Monday-Friday, March 31-April 4 | Chapter 6  
*EXAM 6* |
| 12    | Monday-Friday, April 7-11  
*Friday, April 11* | Chapter 6  
*EXAM 6* |
| 13    | Monday-Friday, April 14-18 | Chapter 7  
*ORAL EXAM* |
| 14    | Monday-Friday, April 21-25  
*Thursday-Friday, April 24-25* | Chapter 7  
*ORAL EXAM* |
| 15    | Monday-Friday, April 28-May 2  
*Friday, May 2* | Chapter 7 and review  
*Listening Comprehension EXAM* |

*The FINAL EXAM date will be released by the Registrar near the end of the semester. **Under no condition will a student be allowed to take the exam early,** so do not purchase any plane tickets before the Registrar publishes the final exam date. The final exam is a departmental, uniform exam. A make-up will be offered after the regularly scheduled exam for students with verified schedule conflicts.*
Bienvenue!

Course description

Welcome to the French Intensive Language Program. French 601C is the first semester elementary French course at the University of Texas and assumes no previous knowledge of the language. *Français interactif* is a unique beginning French program developed at the University of Texas. *Français interactif* helps you explore the French language and culture by following the lives of real UT students who participated in the UT Summer Program in Lyon, France. The UT students will introduce you to their French host families, their French university, and their lives in France. Keep in mind as you watch these students that they were in your position only a year ago--enrolled in beginning French at UT! This program shows you that it IS possible to learn French well enough to communicate with native speakers.

In addition to following the exploits of these UT students, you will also watch videos of native French speakers as well as scenes of day-to-day interactions (e.g., vendors in the market, waiters at a café, children getting ready to go to school, etc.) These video-based materials give *Français interactif* an authenticity and immediacy lacking in most commercially produced textbooks.

As its name implies, *Français interactif* emphasizes interaction: student/teacher, student/student, student/computer, and even student/native-speaker. The goal of these materials is in its title: interaction in French! More specifically, the goal of this course is to improve your listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in French. This means that you will learn useful vocabulary, grammatical structures, and cultural information, which is embedded naturally in the videos and textbook content. The classroom focus is on learner-centered group activities and language is naturally communicative. For a detailed list of specific course goals, please refer to the “Competencies Checklist” at the beginning of the course packet or on the FI website (www.laits.utexas.edu/ﬁ/page/scripts) under “Assessment Documents”.

Required Materials

- **FR 601C/611C text, *Français interactif*** available at [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) for around $30 (black and white version), delivered to your doorstep.
- **FR 601C course packets, *Français interactif* of homework pdfs** (available at University Duplicating in GSB 3.136), conveniently 3-hole punched, so that you do not have to print them from the website (competencies checklist, vocabulary preparation template, video and chanson pdfs, etc.) M-F 8 am-5pm.
- **The Fi community website** ([http://www.laits.utexas.edu/ﬁ/](http://www.laits.utexas.edu/ﬁ/)) features videos, web activities, printable pdfs, a link to our Facebook page, a forum for students to post queries about the French language or culture, as well as:
  - Vocabulaire: These audio files are available on the website ([http://www.laits.utexas.edu/ﬁ/](http://www.laits.utexas.edu/ﬁ/)) in MP3 downloadable files. Please print the Vocabulary Preparation Template pdf from the website in order to complete the “Préparation du vocabulaire” at the beginning of each chapter. You will turn this in to your instructor.
  - Phonetic lessons: audio files are available on the website in downloadable mp3 format, and are often accompanied by online exercises with answer keys.
  - Grammaire: Grammar explanations in *Tex’s French Grammar*, UT French Department's on-line grammar resource which includes grammar explanations, self-correcting exercises, audio files in mp3 format, a verb conjugation
reference, and a verb tutor. This is to be studied on-line for audio examples and “Texercises” which are turned in to the instructor through Canvas.

- Videos: View these on the Français interactif website and complete accompanying exercises on the printable pdfs.

- Chansons: The songs and accompanying exercises can be found on the Français interactif website and at http://coerll.utexas.edu/chansons/.

- Chapter pdfs: Downloadable, printable chapter pdfs, free of charge, if you prefer to not purchase the book through lulu.com

- Video and audio podcasts, available for viewing and listening in iTunes v5 or higher, on MacOS X and Windows platforms. The Fi videos and audio files are also iPad, iPhone, and Android compatible.

**Recommended**

- [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com) (free online dictionary)

**Grading**

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| Exams 1-2 (5% each) | 5% |
| Exams 3-6 (10% each) | 50% |

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| Listening Comprehension Exam | 5% |

| Final Exam | 15% |

| TOTAL | 100% |

The **Lower-Division Grading Scale** for French is the following:

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You must receive a grade of a C or higher (73% or higher) in order to continue on to FR 611C. A grade of a C- is not sufficient to continue on to FR 611C.
Testing
Six chapter exams will be given in 601C. These will contain a variety of listening, reading, and writing exercises. Please note exam dates indicated on the syllabus, as there are no make-ups. Exam 4 is the Friday just before the beginning of Spring Break. Plan accordingly. NO STUDENT will be allowed to take the exam early. If you know now that you will be gone, drop the class now. Missing an exam will result in a zero.

In addition to these written exams, there will also be a listening comprehension exam, an oral assessment, and a departmental final exam. A make-up for the final exam will be available for students with verified schedule conflicts. No student will be allowed to take the final exam prior to the date set by the University for any reason.

Oral assessments will take place at the end of Chapters 1-7. The first six will be one minute (or less) recordings that you submit via Canvas to your instructor, following a prompt. Your instructor will provide you with more details during the semester. The oral assessments will very closely reflect the daily in-class activities. The first six will count as homework grades.

For the final oral exam, which will take place at the end of the semester, you will have a conversation with another student from a different section of FR 601 that meets at the same time as your section. You will be evaluated by the instructor from the other section, which will result in a very objective evaluation. This culminating activity will count as 10% of your final grade.

Attendance & preparation
Regular attendance, daily preparation and persistent, active participation in class are essential to your success in learning French. This includes being ON TIME for class. Your teacher will assign specific exercises to be written out and turned in. You may also expect regular pop quizzes to test preparation. No late homework will be accepted. If you are unable to be in class, you are allowed to email your assignment to your instructor prior to the beginning of the class hour that day. Otherwise, your assignment will be considered late and you will receive a zero.

You are allowed a total of 5 absences without penalty during the semester. All absences count, even if documentation is presented. A penalty of 1% of your final course grade (up to a 10% maximum deduction) will be deducted for each absence after 5 in the semester, no exceptions. Three “tardies” will be counted as an absence. A student is tardy if they enter the classroom after the bell has rung.

Students are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment that is conducive to learning. In order to assure that all students have the opportunity to gain from time spent in class, unless otherwise approved by the instructor, students are prohibited from engaging in any form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior (cellular phones, eating or drinking, tardiness, making offensive remarks, talking out of turn, sleeping, overt inattentiveness, harassment or bullying of the instructor or other students, etc.) shall result, minimally, in a request to leave class. Repeated inappropriate or disruptive behavior will be reported to the Dean of Students and will very quickly escalate into a judicial matter.

Computer labs
You will be required to do daily homework using the Français interactif website. Access to computers for individual study is available in the LAITS media lab in MEZ 2.104. Liberal Arts media lab operating hours are:

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**Course Supervision**
If you have questions about French 601C, please consult your instructor, or the course supervisor, Dr. Nancy Guilloteau, HRH 2.106A, 471-5511, nguilloteau@mail.utexas.edu. The Department of French & Italian offers many services to beginning students. You will be invited to films, a weekly French coffee hour, and other activities sponsored by the French Department. Your instructor will announce these and other events throughout the semester. Bienvenue! We hope you will enjoy learning French.

**Disabilities:** The University of Texas at Austin provides, upon request, appropriate academic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. For more information, contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 471-6259 or 471-4641, or go to http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/ssd

**Code of conduct:** The dean may initiate disciplinary proceedings under subchapter 11-300 against a student who conducts himself or herself in a manner that impedes, interferes with, or disrupts any University teaching, research, administrative, disciplinary, public service, learning, or other authorized activity. For more information and a complete list of Student Standards of Conduct, please consult http://registrar.utexas.edu/catalogs/gi08-09/app/gi08.appc03.html#subchapter-11-300-initiation-of-disciplinary-proceedings.

**Scholastic dishonesty:** Scholastic dishonesty on any graded assignment will result in a zero. Scholastic dishonesty includes any kind of cheating. In language classes, this includes the use of online translators. Be aware that scholastic dishonesty can have far-reaching consequences, and can result in suspension or expulsion from the University. For more information, contact the Student Judicial Services at 471-2841, or go http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/scholdis.php

**Religious holidays:** A student who misses classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day should inform the instructor as far in advance of the absence as possible, so that arrangements can be made to complete an assignment within a reasonable time after the absence. If these procedures are followed, students will not be penalized. Students are only excused for the actual holiday, and not surrounding days. For example, if a holiday falls on a Thursday, the student will be excused for Thursday’s absence, but not for an absence on the Friday following the holiday.


- Occupants of buildings on The University of Texas at Austin campus are required to evacuate buildings when a fire alarm is activated. Alarm activation or announcement requires exiting and assembling outside.

- Familiarize yourself with all exit doors of each classroom and building you may occupy. Remember that the nearest exit door may not be the one you used when entering the building.

- Students requiring assistance in evacuation shall inform their instructor in writing during the first week of class.

- In the event of an evacuation, follow the instruction of faculty or class instructors.

- Do not re-enter a building unless given instructions by the following: Austin Fire Department, The University of Texas at Austin Police Department, or Fire Prevention Services office.

- Behavior Concerns Advice Line (BCAL): 512-232-5050
• Link to information regarding emergency evacuation routes and emergency procedures can be found at: www.utexas.edu/emergency