

*"One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door
along the way."
Frank Smith*

FR 9

BONJOUR, TOUT LE MONDE!

Je m'appelle **Mr. Gaboury**. The following guidelines are a few hints to help make your life in French this semester a little easier.

French 9 – Course Description

French 9 reviews all the components taught in elementary school and continues to use a communicative/experiential approach. Throughout the semester students will be focusing on the basic communication skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing and presenting. Without omitting written skills, there is a focal point on conversation and its use in every day French. One of the main themes is a French survival unit that includes map reading, ordering in a restaurant and using basic questions in order to survive in a French milieu. Another theme is an art unit that incorporates vocabulary, grammar structures and group activities.

Mark Breakdown :

Assignments – 90%- Weekly quizzes, homework, projects, hot seats, oral labs, presentations

Final Examination - 10% - Final comprehensive exam

1. When you require extra help, I can be found in room 155. Please feel free to drop by any time or set up an appointment.
2. For class you will need:
 - a binder
 - loose-leaf paper
 - pens and pencils
3. There are some online translators for French, but the best is next to worthless. None of the translators for French give anything close to a decent translation going either way. There are too many instances where you must know the context before choosing one of the word choices. I will give you websites to help with translation. A phone or device is not required for class but may be useful in some instances. Some useful websites are :

www.bonpatron.com – check your grammar

www.wordreference.com – best dictionary out there

www.verb2verbe.com – conjugate every verb in the French language

4. You will be given numerous homework assignments during the year which are worth marks. If you do not have your homework completed, you will be required to complete it and hand it in. PLEASE ASK! Please make your work YOUR OWN work, UNASSISTED: you MAY NOT use, Francophone friends, Immersion friends etc. to help. It is important to your learning to make your own mistakes, and to learn from them.
5. Homework can be dropped off anytime throughout the day into the designated bin for your class. As long as it is in by 3:30pm it will not be considered late.
6. Please be on time for class. Be prepared to work hard and have some fun.
7. Be considerate of others. When someone else is talking, please listen. If you have a question, please raise your hand. If you want to SMILE, do it.
8. Whenever you have the opportunity please speak French. Hopefully you are here for a reason and that is to learn the language. SO USE IT! There are some questions that I will answer to if you speak it in French. If you are wondering why I am not responding that is why!
9. Have a great and successful year at Campbell!

Objectives:

- to prepare those who are hoping to continue in French
- to speak French and feel comfortable in the language
- to have fun
- to give you information about what you can do after Grade 12
 - French education (teacher, business, elective)
 - Work in Quebec, France
 - go to Quebec for course/exchange
 - World traveling

Extras:

- You've decided to continue your studies in French! Work hard to improve your skills
- Great class if you're into learning a 2nd language!
- Ask yourselves why you are here
- Marks aren't hard to get, but you have to deserve the A
- Lots is up to you regarding activities, open to suggestions
- Questions?