

THE CITADEL  
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Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures  
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**French 301 Advanced French Conversation**

MWF 9:00-9:50 Capers 211

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**Texts required:**

*Cinema for French Conversation* (4<sup>th</sup> edition) by Anne-Christine Rice. Focus Publishing.

**Recommended resources:**

Tex's French Grammar: <http://www.laits.utexas.edu/tex/>

WordReference online dictionary: <http://www.wordreference.com/>

**Course description and Objectives:**

This French 301 course uses film and related media (interviews, selected readings, film reviews, etc.) as a means of encouraging students to express ideas orally in French and to enhance their aural comprehension. Students also learn about French film, history, literature and culture in this course. The primary goal of the course is to improve verbal expression. Grammatical principles and writing skills are reinforced also. You should review grammar concepts that you have not yet mastered on the website *Tex's French Grammar*.

**Attendance:**

Class attendance is required. Students with excessive absences will not pass the course. Absence from class does not exempt the student from responsibilities, and work that is handed in late may not be accepted. Tardiness to class is also unacceptable, and habitual tardiness will result in a lowering of the final grade.

There are NO MAKE-UP TESTS except in extreme circumstances. You must contact the instructor **prior to the test** if you want to be considered for a make-up.

**Translation Programs:** Use of online translators, translation software, etc. is prohibited unless such use has the prior approval of the professor.

**Electronic devices** (such as phones) must be turned off and put away during class unless they are being used for a purpose related to coursework and that use has been approved by the professor. Failure to do so will have a negative impact on your participation grade. Anything that interferes with your full engagement and participation in class will have a negative impact on your participation grade.

**Homework:**

Students should complete written assignments and study vocabulary on a daily basis. Students must complete all work assigned by the instructor. The instructor will collect written assignments in addition to any oral assignments to be prepared for class. Only partial credit will be given for any assignment that is handed in late.

**Participation:**

Students must prepare thoroughly for each class and participate actively in French during class. An evaluation of your participation in class is an important component of your grade, and your participation grade will be measured by consistent classroom efforts, a consistent effort to communicate in French, and attendance.

**Grade distribution:**

Class participation and preparation (includes weekly quizzes and pop quizzes) 25%

Homework (compositions, oral presentations, and other assignments) 25%

Tests 30%

Final exam 20%

**Grading scale:**

A 90 - 100

B 80-89

C 70 - 79

D 60 - 69

F 59 and below

All students are expected to adhere to the Honor Code. Students should be aware that violations include any type of cheating or copying of exams, quizzes, homework, and compositions, in addition to the use of online or other translation programs previously mentioned.

Any student eligible for and needing academic adjustments or accommodations because of a disability should speak with the instructor during office hours or outside of class.

## SCHEDULE OF TESTS AND FINAL EXAM

Aug 28-30	<i>Au Revoir les enfants</i>	
Sept 2-6	<i>Au Revoir les enfants</i>	
Sept 9-13	<i>Au Revoir; Jean de Florette</i>	
Sept 16-20	<i>Jean de Florette</i>	
Sept 23-27	<i>Jean de Florette</i>	
Sept 30-Oct 4	<i>Welcome</i>	Examen I 9/30
Oct 7-11	<i>Welcome</i>	
Oct 14-18	<i>Les Intouchables</i>	
Oct 21-25	<i>Les Intouchables</i>	
Oct 28-Nov 1	<i>Molière</i>	Examen II 10/28
Nov 4-8	<i>Molière; Le dîner de cons</i>	
Nov 11-15	<i>Le dîner de cons</i>	
Nov 18-22	<i>Le dîner de cons</i>	Examen III 11/20
Nov 25-29		Thanksgiving break
Dec 2-6	<i>Joyeux Noël</i>	
Dec 9-11	<i>Joyeux Noël; Review</i>	

**EXAMEN FINAL:** Friday, December 13 8:00AM (0800)