

Syllabus – Elective Course

Course title:

Understanding France

Credits:

3 ECTS credits

Teaching language:

English

Target students:

Undergraduate students from all study areas

Teacher in charge of the course:

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COURSE PRESENTATION

Prerequisite:

This program is designed mainly for undergraduate students and is open to students from all study areas. Students undertaking this course should have successfully completed at least one semester at a university, or have equivalent experience, and should be capable of understanding and speaking academic level English. They must also have some ability to work as a group. The course is intended to serve a mix of profiles and learning backgrounds for a diverse international learning experience.

Content:

Every session starts with the discovery of an authentic audio, video, written document or survey, focusing on a society or cultural aspect and allowing them to extend their vocabulary.

Topics covered:

- France's natural and geographical framework: A country at the centre of Europe with great natural resources and citizens different from each other's.
- A rich and varied history: A long walk towards democracy, the basis of contemporary France, France today, French institutions, France and Europe.
- A major economic force : the 4th global economic power, a dynamic French industry, a great agricultural strength, a tertiary sector at the cutting edge of technology, tourism as a national resource, Research, Science and Technologies.

- French society today: French population, a market economy with strong public services, Daily life of French people.
- A vibrant cultural heritage: The influence of French language, an exceptional heritage, French artist: sources of inspiration.

Learning Outcomes:

Acquire knowledge of the French society, geography of France and French culture to apprehend current sociocultural events

WORKLOAD

French contact hours = 60 minutes (in some countries/institutions, 1 contact hour = 45-50 minutes)

Form:	Number of hours	Comments
Face-to-face, In-class, Off-site training	21 hours	
Other fieldtrips	8 hours minimum	
Approximate personal work/Homework:	10 hours	
Student total workload	39 hours +	

EDUCATIONAL METHODS

Lecture, discussion, presentations, sharing of experiences, group work, on-site education, audio, written documents and videos.

RESOURCES

ASSESSMENT

Form	Number	Duration	Comments
Continuous assessment (30%)			Quizzes, presentations
Final exam (50%)	1	2 hours	Examination covering all aspects of course
Others (student participation) (20%)			Attendance, participation, and contribution to group discussion

This syllabus is based on information available at the time of publication (November 2018). Changes may occur. For updated information about course content, please contact us: lsp@univ-catholille.fr