

## 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)*

<b>Form:</b>	<b>Number of hours</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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**

<b>Form</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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](mailto:lsp@univ-catholille.fr)*