

8/15/2016
COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: French 4

Grade: Ultimate Level

Textbook: None. A variety of books, plays and films will be used as source texts.

Course Description

This is an advanced elective designed to further complement the required French courses in high school. The focus has moved from the grammar level to a rhetoric level exploration of literature, film, poetry and theater. We will explore everything from fairy tales to philosophy to literary theory to film critique, all in the original French language. Some review of the grammar will be necessary, but the direction of the course is primarily one of culture and exploration of the francophone world.

At the end of the year students will be able to...

- carry on a nuanced discussion of French art and literature in French.
- understand French philosophy and culture.
- be able to read and write fluently in French.
- be impressive at dinner parties.

Grading Scale

93 - 100 A	83 - 86 B	73 - 76 C	63 - 66 D
90 - 92 A-	80 - 82 B-	70 - 72 C-	60 - 62 D-
87 - 89 B+	77 - 79 C+	67 - 69 D+	Under 60 F

There will be very little homework, and a few quizzes and tests. Much of the class will be focused on participation and Socratic conversation. There will be no final exam.

Instructor Policies

Just be cool. You've had me for three years already, you know what I'm looking for in my classroom. Respect each other. Be willing to be wrong. Be eager to be less wrong. I'm going to treat this like a college class. We're going to speak a lot of French. I want you all to feel competently conversational at the end of the year. These are the fruits of your three years of French studies. Have fun and continue to learn.

M. David Drake

I have read and understand the syllabus. I will email M. Drake with any further questions or clarifications at ddrake@asd20.org

Student Signature

Parent Signature
