French 130
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Texts: Ouvertures: Cours intermédiaire de français.  
Cahier d’exercices et de laboratoire 
(Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 1998)

Goals of course:
Development of competence in four communicative domains: reading, listening, speaking, writing.
Mastery of grammar principles at elementary level.
Increased knowledge of francophone culture.

Grades:
Attendance/Participation 20%
Projet personnel 15%
Written Work (Papers and assignments) 15%
Chapter Tests 30%
Final Exam 20%

Class Policies
1. Students are expected to attend class regularly and to arrive on time. Beginning with the third absence, class grades will drop considerably.

2. Students will do all reading and homework in a timely and thoughtful manner. Please note that answers to many exercises can be found in the back of the Cahier. You are expected to correct your work in ink of a different color. There will be no make-ups for exams or quizzes. No late work will be accepted for a grade. All assigned work is due at the beginning of class.

3. Students will also participate fully and respectfully in class discussion and exercises. Ask questions, react, engage in discussion! This is the best way to make progress in French. Taking risks is the best way to develop your ease with the language.

4. If you are having trouble with some aspect of this course, please come to my office hours or make an appointment to see me immediately. It is your responsibility to ask for extra help if you feel overwhelmed. You may also come to my office hours simply to review course material or to practice your spoken French.

5. All work done for this class will be done in compliance with the tenets of the Honor Code.
6. All language courses meet once per week with a French major. You must attend at least 10 TA sessions per semester. You will receive a grade based on your attendance and participation in the TA sessions. These sessions are for YOU: please take advantage of them by participating fully. The purpose of the TA sessions is to enable you to practice orally what we have covered in class or in homework. You will often work on vocabulary and/or grammatical structures.

7. Projet personnel: Throughout the semester, you will work with a classmate on a subject of your choice (I will provide you with a list of ideas). You will report on your research at least twice during the semester and will give a fifteen-minute presentation to the rest of the class at the end of the semester. You are encouraged to be creative in your approach to these projects. Have fun!

8. You are encouraged to come to the French Table, a weekly lunch at Backus House where students and professors communicate informally in French. This is an excellent way of practicing your spoken French while meeting new people. I tend to be there every week, but please don’t let that stop you from coming!