

**WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES**

**FRENCH 002**



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**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND GOALS**

French 002 is the second Beginning-level offered to satisfy the University's four semesters language study requirement. It is intended for non-francophone students who have no previous formal study of the language. French 001, or its equivalent, is a prerequisite. *À Vous!* is a four semesters program for learners preparing for professional as well as social roles in the global community.

Building on the content and skills acquired during the first semester in French 001, students will learn important points of French grammar, vocabulary, and culture: • Grammar includes: regular ~re verbs, partitive articles and expressions of quantity, the verbs "mettre," "porter," and "essayer," the pronouns "y" and "en," the verbs "prendre," "comprendre," and "apprendre," telling time, giving commands, the verbs "vouloir," and "boire," review of the partitive, adverbs, the verbs "devoir" and "pouvoir," the comparative, the superlative, "passé composé" with "avoir," negative and interrogative of the "passé composé," "passé composé" with "être," interrogative pronoun "quel," "passé composé," with "y," "en," and adverbs, the verbs "lire," "dire," "écrire," present tense of reflexive verbs, reflexive verbs in the near future, reciprocal verbs, negations, "passé composé" of reflexive verbs, the verbs "conduire," and "rouler," and the verbs "quitter," "partir," and "sortir."

Vocabulary includes: specialty shops, clothing, public transportation, giving directions, expressions with "avoir," eating at a restaurant, foods, table settings, the media, events in our lives, daily routines, romantic and friendly relationships, cars and driving, personal relationships.

Culture includes: "brasserie," French supermarkets, French bread and cheese, eating in Africa, French television, newspapers and radio in Senegal, a Moroccan wedding, interracial and intercultural marriage in France.

By the end of the semester, students should be able to identify, prioritize, schedule, discuss, and describe routine academic and personal activities; talk about previous work and educational activities and experiences, describe features of nature and geography and talk about selecting, purchasing, and ordering food items. They should read with comprehension simple written texts and start developing their writing skills. They will be introduced to the most representative aspects of French culture.

## COURSE MATERIAL

- **À Vous!** Volume two, special edition for Howard University, by Veronique Anover and Theresa A. Antes (student's edition) **MANDATORY**.
- Please purchase the book on the Cengage Website:

<http://www.cengagebrain.com/micro/1-1EGG9M6>

- A connection to **BlackBoard** from <http://howard.blackboard.com/> (BlackBoard will be used to post grades and class materials on-line) **MANDATORY**. BlackBoard will be used within the class to review students' grades, as well as give an access to any other documents used during the course of the semester.
- A **iLrn** account from <http://www.cengagebrain.com/shop/isbn/9781111300982> (the Virtual Workbook Key is included with the purchase of *À Vous!* Volume two).
- Please join the **Club Culturel Français à Howard University** FaceBook Group in order to get news on French and Francophone happenings in DC, MD, and VA.

## ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

Active class participation is extremely important in this course, thus attendance is *strongly recommended*. **Excessive unexcused absences will result in a lowering of the student's final grade (i.e. especially after 3 unexcused absences)**. The instructor maintains a detailed record of attendance. A roster must be signed by the student at the beginning of every class. Students are required to arrive on time for class.

Excused absences are those due to officially documented personal emergencies, to officially documented trips/excursions under the aegis of the University, and due to officially documented performance/participation (i.e. musical, athletic, scholarly...) as a representative of Howard University.

## ETIQUETTE

- **Cell phones and other electronic devices** must be turned off (i.e. not silenced) during classes.
- No pajamas will be accepted in the classroom.
- Be on time: **Do not enter the classroom when class is in session.**
- Cheating is a felony at Howard University! A student caught cheating will result in his/her immediate eradication from the course and may be expelled from Howard University.
- The French Club **Gavroche**, the FaceBook group, and the **French National Honor Society, Pi Delta Phi** at Howard University are extensions to the actual program. As active French students, it is your duty to seek for cultural exposure. Therefore you are invited to join these organizations in order to enhance your knowledge and

get the most out of your French experience while pursuing your degree at Howard University. Sessions will include films, contemporary music, poetry readings, field trips, food/restaurant, etc.

## ASSIGNMENTS

Homework assignments will include exercises in the course as well as any other chosen by the instructor (i.e. via QUIA, BlackBoard, etc.). Late homework will not be accepted and will result in a F for the due assignment.

Students are expected to prepare for class by reading the material to be covered ahead of time and complete their online assignment by the due date. The explanations of the grammar in the textbook are fairly comprehensive, and the students' familiarity with it will allow the instructor to spend more time in French language practice and application. However students should not hesitate to ask questions about specific points in class or during the instructor's office hours.

## DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS

The Midterm and Final Examinations are both departmental examinations. They consist of written and oral components (i.e. dates will be posted on Bison Web, but due to some system discrepancies, students are required to make sure that the date, place, and time of the examination are approved by the instructor. Thus, ***ask the instructor for the date, place, and time at the end of the semester***). There are no "make up" examinations, unless a valid and official excuse note is presented to the instructor.

## COVERED CHAPTERS AND CONCEPTS

### Chapter 5: Ma ville

You will learn how to describe city streets, shops, and parks, how to get around using public transportation, and how to shop in specialty stores, clothing stores, and grocery stores. You will also learn to ask for directions, give directions, and tell time in French.

### Chapter 6: Mes goûts gastronomiques!

You will learn the French names of many of the foods that you eat, ways to express how you are feeling (for example, hungry, thirst, or tired), and ways to express your desires, your capabilities, and your obligations.

### Chapter 7: Les infos qui m'entourent

You will learn about the different media that are popular in France and in the Francophone world. You will become familiar with French radio and television stations and with Canadian newspapers and magazines, and you will also read an article from a French magazine. You will also learn how to talk about things that happened in the past.

### Chapter 8: Mes relations amoureuses et amicales

You will learn the pronominal verbs that are used to express our daily routine, negative expressions used to tell what we no longer do, and vocabulary to talk about our relationships with others.

## GRADING

It is understood that grades are a big part of college life. However, the goal of this course is to maintain a good standing while familiarizing yourself and ultimately learn the French language. Grades are at the instructor's discretion.

<b>GRADE SCORES BETWEEN ... (%)</b>	<b>EQUALS TO ...</b>
90 % to 100 %	<b>A</b>
80 % to 89 %	<b>B</b>
70 % to 79 %	<b>C</b>
60 % to 69 %	<b>D</b>
0 % to 59 %	<b>F</b>

  

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>WEIGHTED GRADE</b>
Participation & Attendance	%
Homework	%
Quizzes	%
Chapter Tests	%
Midterm Examination	%
Final Examination	%