



**FRCH 201D (-001). Cours de français débutant-III-diversité
Automne 2017 (du 28 août au 14 décembre)**

*"To have another language is to possess a second soul". Charlemagne
"A different language is a different vision of life. –Federico Fellini
"Those who know nothing of foreign languages know nothing of their own". Goethe*



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Manuel/etext: **Vis-à-vis, 6e édition**, New York: McGraw Hill, 2014. **Register to CONNECT-on content in D2L**

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Course description and objectives: FRCH 201D is the third semester of MSU beginning college-level French course (offering a new slower pace to cover the last five chapters of Vis-à-vis textbook, engaging and “as fun as you want to make it”). Its overall goal is to provide you with the basic tools of vocabulary (paroles), grammar (structures), and culture (France and Francophonie). In class, you be asked to communicate in **French as much as possible**. You will be practicing the four “*compétences européennes*” skills: expression orale, expression écrite (EO& EE), compréhension orale, and compréhension écrite (CO & CE) and will be tested on these skills (listening, speaking, writing, and reading). An equally important goal of this course is to develop your cultural awareness of the diversity of the French-speaking world, **la Francophonie**, presented throughout the book with the reportages, *videoblogs*, and other authentic documents.

Devoirs: Daily homework consists of reading chapter lessons prior to class (and after), applying what was learned daily with the **online Connect exercises**. You can expect to spend a minimum of 3 hours a week outside of class on your homework. **All the exercises/homework assigned on Connect are graded and sync to the grade book on D2L.** Other assignments (**writing**, projects, songs, videos, etc.) will be added punctually –off connect- and graded as well. **Any suspected use of an online translator will result in an F.** If and when specified, you will have to type some short essays (font 12/double space/accents on http://french.about.com/od/writing/ss/typeaccents_7.htm for p.c. & [8.htm](http://french.about.com/od/writing/ss/typeaccents_8.htm) for mac. More detailed info on homework

Grades/notes: Your grade for the course will be based on the following distribution

5 contrôles 50%

Examen final 10%

Homework & quizzes/devoirs et interros 20%

Attendance/présence & participation 20%- 2 unexcused absences

accepted. For any other absence, 2 points will be taken off towards your final attendance grade.

Advice to acquire good study habits and obtain excellent results in French

1. **Be(come) an active learner** by getting involved 100% and interested in studying vocabulary & grammar structures intelligently, **committing them to memory**, communicating in French, participating in class, **doing homework daily (see note)**, *doing extra homework of your choice (i.e. watch French movies & news, listen and memorizing French songs) enjoying the whole process (frustrating at time) of learning a foreign language and culture.*

2. **Don't wait for the end of the semester to ask me questions**; as soon as a difficulty arises, come see me to my office during office hours **and by appointment**. I will be glad to help you overcome any hurdles.

3. Be responsible for these 'actions' geared towards your improvements and your mastery of French. Only then will you be able to see positive, 'long lasting results'.

4. Come prepared to class. It will be more enjoyable for you to speak and comprehend French!

<p><u>Du 28 août au 1er septembre 2017</u> lundi: Intro du cours, présentations, questionnaire. mercredi: révision chapitres X & XI vendredi : révision chapitres X & XI</p>	<p><u>du 23 au 27 octobre</u> lundi : chapitre 14 Projet Pôle emploi mercredi : chapitre 14 bilan et révision vendredi : contrôle chapitre XIV</p>
<p><u>Du 4 au 8 septembre</u> lundi : Féried –Fête du travail mercredi : Ch 12 « La passion pour les arts » vendredi: ch 12 (L1) Le patrimoine, les arts</p>	<p><u>du 30 octobre au 3 novembre</u> lundi : chapitre XV « Les loisirs » mercredi : chapitre 15 (L2) vendredi : chapitre 15 (L2/3)</p>
<p><u>du 11 au 15 septembre (*)</u> lundi : chapitre 12, (L1) littérature...suivre mercredi : chapitre 12- (L2) +blog+video vendredi : chapitre 12-(L3)+ perspectives</p>	<p><u>du 6 au 10 novembre</u> lundi : chapitre 15 (L3) mercredi : chapitre 15 (L4) vendredi : jour féried</p>
<p><u>du 18 au 22 septembre</u> lundi: Contrôle chapitre 12 mercredi: Chap.13 (L1) «La vie quotidienne » vendredi: chapitre 13 (L2)</p>	<p><u>du 13 au 17 novembre</u> lundi : révision mercredi : Contrôle chapitre XV vendredi: Chap XVI « Qu'en pensez-vous ?»</p>
<p><u>du 25 au 29 septembre</u> lundi : chapitre 13 blog/video/activités mercredi : chapitre 13 (L3) vendredi : chapitre 13 (L4)</p>	<p><u>du 20 au 24 novembre</u> lundi : révision/help session. Cours facultatif mercredi : pas de cours. THXG Jour de l'action de grâce vendredi: pas de cours...Faites le pont</p>
<p><u>du 2 octobre au 6 octobre</u> lundi : chapitre 13 Projet/présentation mercredi : chapitre 13 Bilan/review vendredi : Contrôle chapitre 13</p>	<p><u>du 27 novembre au premier décembre</u> lundi : chapitre XVI mercredi: chapitre XVI vendredi : chapitre XVI-petit contrôle</p>
<p><u>du 9 au 13 octobre</u> lundi : Chap XIV « Sur le marché du travail » mercredi : chapitre 14 (L1) vendredi : ch 14 (L2)</p>	<p><u>du 4 au 8 décembre</u> lundi: chapitre XVI mercredi : chapitre XVI /lettre à écrire en classe. vendredi : révision-lettre à rendre</p>
<p><u>du 16 au 20 octobre</u> lundi : chapitre 14 (L3) mercredi: chapitre 14 (L3) vendredi : chapitre 14 (L4) Perspectives...</p>	<p>Examen final : Le 11 décembre de 16h à 17h50 [4:00 -5:50 pm]</p>

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Web sites/ sites Internet:

➤ Vis-à-Vis Learning Center : www.mhhe.com/visavis5

- France 2 French news broadcasts: <http://jt.france2.fr/> Francophone TV: www.tv5.org
- On line dictionary : <http://dictionnaire.tv5.org/> and <http://www.wordreference.com/>
- France culture: www.radiofrance.fr/chaines/france-culture2/sommaire/
- French radio: <http://sites.radiofrance.fr/>
- Journaux: le Monde, Libération, le Figaro, Le Soleil (Québec)...
- **“A vos marques, prêts, partez”!** Ready, set, go! [It is not quite a race but almost!]

*Have a good semester! Discover the joy of speaking the foreign language you **chose** to study!*

Additional homework note: Weekly homework with/on CONNECT corresponding to each chapter and lesson, accessed on D2L

You will have vocabulary, grammar, cultural, reading and writing homework activities to do

On Connect and on the *Vis-à-vis* book (B) assigned in class, as well as projects, etc.

- **Read ahead** to get a general idea of the chapter’s content and each lesson prior to class...
- **Review** the material covered in class after each class and before doing your Connect homework, take notes/read your “class notes”, memorize the vocab and ‘grammatical structures, write questions to address whenever they arise...
- **Apply** what you review *in doing conscientiously each exercise* (there is often an example given but keep in mind what grammatical or vocabulary part you are doing).
- **Do as many attempts as you need to ‘master’ the exercise.** If you don’t understand something and make the same error repetitively, don’t hesitate to ask me to help and reiterate whatever it is...
- **listen** and do the listening section daily; it will help your C.O. tremendously.

Connect, workbook, and book exercises/homework are your personal passport to progress at your speed. It will ensure you get the necessary practice needed when learning a foreign language (listening comprehension, writing, reading, and speaking!



One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way.–F. Smith



