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Students will take away from their experience a solid knowledge of general French geography, demography and cultural iconography. They will have a comprehensive exposure to many aspects of modern French family life, education, social customs, institutions, economy and every-day aspects of material culture, contrasts between rural and urban living, France's place in the European Union, the francophone world the larger world community, custodianship of its heritage. I will include a field trip, at least one film, and at least one guest lecturer.

Most of the media will come from the internet, centered in a course web site, but including an e-mail discussion group. We will also use current French newspapers, as well as television and radio news broadcasts. Though we will meet three days per week, the course is designed, through distance education elements, to accommodate those with internship and coop obligations which might prevent regular attendance.

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ATTENDANCE: The class is designed to accommodate those with serious obligations which might keep them from regular attendance. These will take a more extensive role in online discussions, and will report in French on my posted lecture notes or on specially designated web sites. For other students, attendance is MANDATORY, with 5 points subtracted from the final grade for each unexcused absence after 3. Excuses MUST be of an official nature.

GRADE SCALE & DETERMINATION: 900 - 1000 = A; 800 - 899 = B; 700 - 799 = C; 600 - 699 = D; below 600 = F. Best 5 out of 6 unit tests (final is a unit test) = 500, regular assigned homework (including weekly new reports) = 150, class participation = 100, online discussion 100, projects = 150.





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Pronunciation

Click on audio symbols for correct pronunciation:

 [femme fatale](#) - Dangerous lady

 [bon appétit](#) - Good appetite

 [de regeur](#) - Required or necessary

 [belle époque](#) - Beautiful life

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http://www.discoverfrance.net/France/Language/DF_language.shtml - History of French Language

http://www.youencyclopedia.net/Famous_French_people - Famous French People

<http://www.ezwebsite.org/Page.asp?PID=958> – Paris Pictures

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