

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS
FRENCH WORKSHOP
GRADUATE PROGRAM IN THE HUMANITIES

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HUMANITIES 7320
SECTION 501
M. 7:00-9:45 p.m.
JO 4.122

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REQUIRED TEXTS

An exhaustive English/French—French/English dictionary

ADVANCED LANGUAGE WORKSHOP: FRENCH

The purpose of this workshop is to help students meet the school's requirements for advanced reading and comprehension of French by M.A. and Ph.D. candidates. They should have attained at least intermediate competency (usually equivalent to four semesters of college French courses) before registration. Course work includes textual analysis as well as some supplementary grammar review, designed to facilitate the decoding of texts in various fields of the arts and humanities. The final examination for the workshop is also the program's language proficiency exam, which consists of two translation passages (one from a primary source, the other from a secondary source).

The instructor will provide packets of Xeroxed texts for students to translate each week at home. She will also furnish additional materials upon which quizzes will be based (i.e. lists of essential verbs and idioms, discussions of common structures, translation tips, etc). A final grade will be awarded based on student participation, quizzes, homework assignments, and the final examination.

The attached schedule will serve as a general guide for our work over the semester; however, we can modify this program slightly should students need more time to master particular concepts.

COURSE CONTENT

AUG. 24	INTRODUCTION	
AUG. 31	LIGHT READINGS AND GENERAL REVIEW	
SEPT. 7	HOLIDAY	
SEPT. 14	READINGS FROM THE 17 TH CENTURY	
SEPT 21	READINGS FROM THE 18 TH CENTURY	
SEPT. 28	READINGS FROM THE 18 TH CENTURY	Quiz
OCT. 5	READINGS FROM THE 19 TH CENTURY	
OCT. 12	READINGS FROM THE 19 TH CENTURY	Quiz
OCT. 19	READINGS FROM THE 19 TH CENTURY	
OCT. 26	READINGS FROM THE 20 TH CENTURY	Quiz
NOV. 2	READINGS FROM THE 20 TH CENTURY	
NOV. 9	READINGS FROM THE 20 TH CENTURY	Quiz
NOV. 16	READINGS FROM THE 20 TH CENTURY	
NOV. 23	PRACTICE TESTS	Take-home Quiz due
NOV. 30	REVIEW	
DEC. 7	FINAL EXAM PART I	
DEC. 14	FINAL EXAM PART II	

GRADES:

Class work (preparation, participation) 25%

Quizzes 50%

Final Exam 25%

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Students should feel free to consult with each other on homework assignments and to avail themselves of dictionaries, grammar books, etc. We will always go over the homework assignments as a class so that questions may be addressed. All quizzes and tests, however, must be the result of each student's individual effort. Students may not engage in cheating, plagiarism or collusion during examinations (N.B. French/English dictionaries may be used during the take-home test and practice tests).

HAVE A TERRIFIC SEMESTER!