Course outline: CORE FRENCH 8

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First languages are learned verbally first; afterwards, we learn to read and write. Our CORE FRENCH 8 course takes the same approach, by building foundations of conversation while proceeding to apply the same vocabulary and grammar in reading and writing.

This course combines the new British Columbia Provincial Curriculum with a primarily conversation-based approach to learning. Through discussion, reading, and writing we will explore students interests, opinions, and daily experiences in French 9.

\*Please note that some students may take time to adjust to this approach. Our French 8 course is designed as an introduction to French, with the assumption that a student has never taken a primarily conversation-based course before. While it can be intimidating initially, students who participate in class and attend regularly will very likely succeed in the course, regardless of previous French speaking experience.

By the end of the course students should be able to

* Recognize the relationships between French letter patterns and pronunciation
* Derive meaning from a variety of texts
* Engage in conversations about familiar topics
* Exchange ideas and information using complete sentences, both orally and in writing
* Explore ways in which Francophone cultures are expressed

Evaluation breakdown:

40% verbal evaluations

20% Reading

20% Writing

20% Final Exam