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General Information

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Credit points

3

Prerequisites

FRN336

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

In this unit students develop their ability to follow complex lines of argument in spoken and written texts in French in a range of genres and to identify and extract key information. The unit focuses on practicing skills in expressing and defending sophisticated arguments and opinions and employing strategies to understand and respond to unfamiliar material in preparation for applying language knowledge to social and professional situations. Students will use their judgement in decision-making around communicative tasks (written, oral, spontaneous and prepared) in meaningful everyday contexts.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

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Students will be able to express themselves spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions; use language flexibly and effectively for social purposes; produce an oral presentation in order to present argument for or against something.

They will be working towards expressing themselves spontaneously and fluently when stating their own opinions on increasingly complex subjects; formulating their thoughts and views precisely and making detailed contributions to a discussion.

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General Assessment Information

Please note that HD or D are NOT the standard marks but are awarded for outstanding work only. Students who fulfil the unit requirements in a satisfactory but expected manner will usually get a high Pass or a Credit.

Unit Requirements and Expectations

FRN337 gives students the opportunity to develop their interactive skills and use the French language in context. To get the most out of it, students are required to prepare in advance by listening to and reading the prescribed materials in the textbook or online, as well as learning any new vocabulary. Participation is essential and expected in all classes. Students should make sure they spend a minimum of 9 hours per week out of class on their French studies; this includes preparations, homework, assignments and independent work.

Students are advised to reinforce their learning by consulting the extra materials that are available on the unit's iLearn pages as well as any other material they can find themselves (e.g. news, podcasts, YouTube videos, newspapers...) and also by engaging in regular revision of class content. The main key to learning a language is regular practice.

French will be the main language used in class. Students are also encouraged to speak French out of class whenever they find an opportunity to do so.

Indicative examples of assessment tasks will be available on iLearn.

Assessment Tasks

| Name | Weighting | Due |
|---|-----------|---------------------------|
| <u>Autour de Mai 68</u> | 15% | Week 3 |
| <u>Test de grammaire #1</u> | 15% | Week 6 |
| <u>Portfolio - 1er brouillon</u> | 0% | Week 7 |
| <u>Portfolio - Version finale</u> | 10% | Week 13 |
| <u>Compréhension orale</u> | 15% | Week 12 |
| <u>Expression orale</u> | 15% | Week 13 |
| <u>Final Exam</u> | 30% | During formal exam period |

Autour de Mai 68

Due: **Week 3**

Weighting: **15%**

Test de connaissances suivi d'une compréhension écrite portant sur le sujet de Mai 68. Les étudiants seront évalués sur le contenu couvert en cours, y compris les discussions et les documents étudiés.

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Test de grammaire #1

Due: **Week 6**

Weighting: **15%**

Le test portera sur le contenu couvert au cours des semaines 1-5.

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Portfolio - 1er brouillon

Due: **Week 7**

Weighting: **0%**

Les étudiants devront rendre le brouillon de leur portfolio avant d'en présenter la version finale lors de leur évaluation de compréhension orale.

Une description précise de la tâche sera disponible sur iLearn.

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Portfolio - Version finale

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **10%**

Les étudiants devront rendre la version finale de leur portfolio, laquelle devra tenir compte des commentaires obtenus pour le 1er brouillon.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Students will work towards writing accurate and well-structured text, interpreting or expressing points of view at some length; write about increasingly complex subjects; write in a style appropriate to the reader in mind; express and justify opinions and give arguments supporting their point of view; explain and compare ideas presented to them in a text which presents familiar content to them; use appropriate devices to ensure the smooth flow of a piece of writing most of the time; produce a text with few grammatical mistakes that would substantially interfere with the reader's understanding.
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Compréhension orale

Due: **Week 12**

Weighting: **15%**

L'évaluation portera sur l'un des thèmes couverts lors du semestre.

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Expression orale

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **15%**

Après avoir présenté leur portfolio, les étudiants présenteront individuellement un sujet tiré au sort portant sur l'un des thèmes étudiés lors du semestre.

Présentation du portfolio 5%. Présentation du sujet 10%.

Temps de préparation 15 minutes. Temps de passage 10 minutes.

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Final Exam

Due: **During formal exam period**

Weighting: **30%**

L'épreuve se déroulera en deux étapes:

- Test de grammaire #2 - Semaines 7 à 10
- Expression écrite (analyse critique) - La question portera sur la France contemporaine.

La dissertation devra inclure des exemples précis démontrant une compréhension approfondie des différents thèmes abordés lors du semestre.

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Delivery and Resources

CLASSES

Lecture Times and Locations

Internal students have 4 compulsory contact hours per week. Details are as follows:

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|--|----------|---------|--------|--|---------|-----------------|
| FRN 337/Practical_1/01 | Tuesday | 11:00am | 1:00pm | | W6B_225 | Bénédicte André |
| FRN 337/Seminar_1/01 | Thursday | 11:00am | 1:00pm | | W6B_207 | Bénédicte André |

REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED TEXTS AND/OR MATERIALS

All books are available from the Co-op Bookshop.

Required Texts

- *Difficultés expliquées du français... for English speakers*, Vercollier et al., Clé International.

Recommended Texts

- *Les expressions idiomatiques*, Chollet et Robert.
- *Les verbes et leurs prépositions*, Chollet et Robert.

ONLINE UNIT AND TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

Online Resources

Students have online access through **iLearn** (<http://ilearn.mq.edu.au>) to all teaching materials, including iLectures, from the beginning to the end of semester. There are links to IT assistance on the iLearn login page.

Students must check the iLearn pages for announcements, amendments to the program, etc.

Everything is announced online; it is the student's responsibility to know what is required and when papers and/or assessments are to be handed in. For external students, iLearn will normally be the only way to get up-to-date information about the unit or to download the instructions for the assignments they have to prepare.

Besides making sure they can have daily access to a computer, students should note that for some assignments and exercises they may need headphones as well as a microphone. For Skype sessions (external students only), a camera is required as well. Fully equipped computers are available in dedicated computer labs on campus and also in departmental rooms W6A 104, W6B 207, W6B 214 and W6B 225 (except when booked for teaching). For access to departmental rooms (outside of class times), students need to borrow a swipe card from the department administrator (W6A 217).

Online assessments: Students must ensure that the computers they use are powerful enough for the tasks at hand and the connection they are using is reliable (we recommend using Ethernet wired connection rather than wireless). **Students are required to use Firefox** rather than Safari or Internet Explorer, which have known problems with audio files. If they work from their home base, they should use the best equipment available and/or switch off all other network connections that might slow down their own. No permission to resit tests will be granted on the basis of the use of an inadequate connection during an earlier attempt. Students who do not have the proper equipment are urged to sit their tests in a university computer lab. Check eStudent for appropriate locations.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

New Assessment Policy in effect from Session 2 2016 http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy_2016.html. For more information visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/events/2016/07/19/ne>

[w assessment policy in place from session 2/](#)

Assessment Policy prior to Session 2 2016 <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy prior to Session 2 2016 <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint_management/procedure.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT POLICY ON LATE WORK

Assignments are compulsory and must be submitted on time. As a general rule, extensions will not be granted without a valid and documented reason (e.g. medical certificate) and **applications must be lodged via ask.mq.edu.au** (see Disruption to Studies Policy above). Late submissions will be penalised by 5% for each day (including weekends) the assignment task is late. No assignments will be accepted after assignments have been corrected and feedback has been provided. Assignment tasks handed in early will not be marked and returned before the due date.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)

- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Students will be able to express themselves spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions; use language flexibly and effectively for social purposes; produce an oral presentation in order to present argument for or against something. They will be working towards expressing themselves spontaneously and fluently when stating their own opinions on increasingly complex subjects; formulating their thoughts and views precisely and making detailed contributions to a discussion.
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Assessment tasks

- Expression orale
- Final Exam

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

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Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should

have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

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Learning outcomes

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- Students will be able to understand, extract and challenge specific information from a given medium or abstract ideas; formulating their thoughts and views precisely and making detailed contributions to a discussion. They will be working towards expressing themselves fluently when stating their own opinions on increasingly complex subjects, justifying opinions and giving arguments supporting their point of view.

Assessment task

- Expression orale

Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

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