

Murrieta Valley High School

Course Syllabus

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The goals of this course are to provide fourth year students with information, resources, and strategies to help them broaden their proficiency in reading, writing, listening, and speaking French, while encouraging students to experience different cultures and perspectives and to prepare students for the IB French HL or SL examination.

COURSE CONTENT OBJECTIVES:

Curriculum is designed to teach students cultural aspects relevant to the French speaking culture while improving grammar and speaking skills. Over the course of the year we will continue to develop higher level language speaking, reading and writing proficiency skills. Concepts studied include but are not limited to communicating, acquiring information, experiencing creative works, and understanding cultural influences. For complete details, see the IB Diploma Programme course outline.

ABSENT WORK MAKE-UP POLICY: (per MVHS Student Handbook page 10)

When a student is absent from school, **it is his/her responsibility to contact teachers upon returning to school regarding make-up work**. Class time is used for instructional purposes. Individual needs due to absences must be handled before or after class, during break or lunch. Students may make up work due to **excused absences only**. The time allotted for making up missed work will vary depending on the circumstances surrounding the absence, and the actual time out of school. **Each student will make arrangements with his/ her teacher for turning in this work.**

Due to the participatory nature of this course, attendance is extremely important. Some assignments done in class are participation based and therefore cannot be duplicated or made up.

MVHS UNIFORM GRADING SCALE

Plus or minus grades will be given: YES

A+	97-100	B+	87-89.4	C+	77-79.4	D+	67-69.4
A	93-96	B	83-86	C	73-76	D	63-66
A-	89.5-92	B-	79.5-82	C-	69.5-72	D-	59.5-62
						F	<u>0-59.4</u>

Class Work and Participation

Everything we do in class will be collected at some point, so you **MUST** keep all assignments. If you are absent it is your responsibility to find out what you missed AND complete those assignments.

Participation is an integral part of learning a foreign language and therefore very important. You will earn participation points throughout the semester, however you may also lose participation points for any inappropriate behavior (disrupting class, not paying attention, texting, etc.)

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS: All homework assignments must be turned in on time. No late work will be accepted unless the student has an excused absence. Expect homework every class period.

Homework is given to practice topics covered in class. You will receive a homework grade. Therefore it is imperative that you pay attention in class when we go over homework.

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PROJECTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Any project turned in or presented late **will lose one letter grade for each day that it is late.**

EXAMINATION EXPECTATIONS

By enrolling in an IB course, the student is held accountable for all curriculum and assessments as required by IB, which includes both internal and external assessments. A student who elects to not take the official IB exam in May will then be required to take an alternate exam commensurate to the official IB exam for the course.

GRADE CATEGORIES AND WEIGHTS:

Category	Weight
Demonstration of Progress This includes: Tests, Quizzes, Projects, Oral presentations, etc	50%
Process: Completion of Course Requirements This includes: participation in classroom activities, completion of in class assignments, oral responses and communicative activities in French during class, notebook checks and class notes	30%
Homework This includes: completion of homework, and projects and assignments completed outside of class.	20%

ACADEMIC HONESTY STATEMENT

Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to: cheating, copying from other sources, using online translators, and/or turning in work done by anyone other than the student. Students caught cheating or copying will receive a zero for that assignment and/or a referral to the office. **USE OF AN ONLINE TRANSLATOR EQUATES TO CHEATING. There are no exceptions!!**

According to *General Regulations Diploma Programme* (2015, p12-13), the IB Organization defines academic misconduct as “behavior (whether deliberate or inadvertent) that results in, or may result in, the candidate or any other candidate gaining an unfair advantage in one or more components of assessment.” Behavior that may disadvantage another candidate is also regarded as academic misconduct. Academic misconduct is a breach of these regulations and includes, but is not restricted to, the following:

- plagiarism—this is defined as the representation, intentionally or unintentionally, of the ideas, words or work of another person without proper, clear and explicit acknowledgment. This includes paraphrasing sources, which also need to be cited properly.
- collusion—this is defined as supporting academic misconduct by another candidate, for example, allowing one’s work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another
- duplication of work—this is defined as the presentation of the same work for different assessment components and/or DP core requirements

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d. misconduct during an IB examination (for example, taking unauthorized material into an examination, behavior that disrupts the examination or distracts other candidates, or communicating with another candidate)

e. any other behavior that gains an unfair advantage for a candidate or that affects the results of another candidate (for example, falsifying a CAS record, disclosure of information to and receipt of information from candidates about the content of an examination paper within 24 hours after a written examination via any form of communication/media).

CONSEQUENCES OF ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

All MVHS consequences will be followed. In addition, the IBO has outlined the penalties imposed on a candidate found guilty of malpractice during an assessment (internal or external). The penalties that the IBO can impose are listed below:

- No score being awarded for the subject.
- Zero marks will be awarded for the assessment component concerned, but the candidate will still be eligible for a grade in the subject concerned.
- Or no penalty if there is no discernible evidence of malpractice.

I understand that adhering to the standards above is required in order to pass this course,

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date