THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO Département d'études françaises

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Report and Abstract - 30%:

- ‡ Each student will prepare a **1,500-word Report (25%)** and an **Abstract (5%)** on a topic of his/her choice. An abstract is a concise summary of the report.
- ‡ Report topics and detailed instructions are given the second week of classes. Due dates will be assigned the third week of classes. There is a **2% per weekday** penalty for late Reports/Abstracts.
- ‡ Abstracts will be between 150 and 200 words. Students will read aloud the abstract, which will conclude with 1 fact-based question and answer. Some of these questions will be used in part of the Midterm Test and Final Exam. Abstracts and questions will be posted on the course web site.

Midterm Test - 25%:

A two-hour Midterm Test is given in-class on **Wednesday**, **November 14th**, **2012**. The test includes questions from student Abstracts, and other questions based on course material.

IMPORTANT ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1. Plagiarism, Cheating and Other Scholastic Offences

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http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholoff.pdf. [1]

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scholastic offence and will apply the UWO policy to deal with all cases detected. Sometimes students commit plagiarism without being fully aware they are doing so. It is HDFKVW&HQW¶UHVSRQVLELOLWWREHFRPHLQIRUPHGDERWKDWFRQVWLWWHVSODUDUL to take steps to avoid committing this scholastic offence by learning how to make proper use of sources. If you are uncertain about how to acknowledge sources you have used, consult your instructor before submitting the assignment. The UWO Ombuds Office

consult your instructor before submitting the assignment. The UWO Ombuds Office publishes a useful guide that will help you avoid committing a mistake of this nature that could have serious consequences. [3]

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Other forms of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating on tests and examinations, will also be dealt with seriously according to the terms of University policy. Please note that when evidence of a scholastic offence is detected, it is the Chair of the Department (or designate) who directs the investigation, and who makes a finding and imposes a penalty if the student is found to be guilty. The policy [2] outlines the process IRUDSSHDOLQD&DLU¶GHFLVLRQ

2. Prerequisites and Antirequisites

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Please note that you are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed the prerequisites for this course. Lack of prerequisites cannot be used as grounds for an appeal. You are responsible for ensuring that this course is not an anti-requisite for another course you have already taken.

The French Placement Test is a mandatory requirement for any student taking a French course for the first time at Western who has not successfully completed Grade 12U French. You must submit the results of the test to the Department of French Studies office so that they will appear on your academic record. The Department of French Studies reserves the right to place you in a course that is appropriate to your level, based on the level of secondary school French you have completed. For example, if you

have completed grade 12U French, you will not normally be eligible to enroll in French 1002 or 1010.

Under no circumstances will a student will be allowed to take a language course in the series 1002, 1010, 1900E/1910, 2900, 2905A/B-2906A/B or 3900, concurrently with another language course that is a prerequisite for it.

3. Where to Go for Help

The website of the Office of the Registrar is a valuable resource for information about many administrative aspects of your studies at Western: http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/ If you have any concerns about your progress with the academic material in a course, you should not hesitate to contact your instructor.

5. Debarment from Final Examination for Excessive Unjustified Absence

With the exception of distance studies and on-line courses, attendance in all classes is an obligatory component of all courses in the Department of French Studies. The UWO Handbook of Academic and Scholarship Policy [5] states the following: Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course. The Dean of the Faculty of registration.

6. Academic Appeals

The UWO Handbook of Academic and Scholarship Policy sets out the policy for grade appeals [6]

Students should note that the first step to take if they wish to contest a mark is to discuss the matter with the instructor. A student who wishes to pursue an appeal after consulting the instructor must appeal in writing to the Undergraduate Chair of the Department of French Studies, Dr. Karin Schwerdtner, kschwerd@uwo.ca.

Instructors in the Department of French Studies will **not** entertain requests to have a PDUNLQFUHDVHGKHQWKHUHTMVWLVEDVHGVROHORQDVW%HQW¶DOOHHGQHHGIRUDEHV mark for external reasons (e.g. maintaining a scholarship or gaining admission to a professional school or other academic program). In order to be given consideration, any academic appeal or informal request for reconsideration of a grade must be based on appropriate grounds of the kind set out in the UWO appeals policy.

7. References

- [1] http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/exam/crsout.pdf
- [2] http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholoff.pdf
- [3] http://www.uwo.ca/ombuds/student/cheating.html

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