

## **Department of French Studies Western University**

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French 3900  
Two 0.5 credits from French 2905A/B, French 2906A/B, French 2907A/B (or French 2900)

This course will enable students to improve their written communication skills in French. The emphasis will be placed on the practical development of writing abilities through in-class exercises, and a review of the principles of composition, of various rhetorical styles (description, narration, argumentation, etc.) and of writing mechanics. L'objectif de ce cours est de permettre aux étudiants d'améliorer et de perfectionner leur usage de la langue française à l'écrit. À travers l'étude de textes de genres variés et provenant de tous les horizons de la francophonie, l'analyse du discours, l'enrichissement du vocabulaire, l'apprentissage de la stylistique et des structures grammaticales de la langue française, les étudiants pourront développer leurs compétences communicatives. Tout en explorant les enjeux du texte, les étudiants seront amenés à mettre en pratique les notions apprises au moyen de divers exercices d'écriture.

Écrire des textes qui développent une argumentation de façon méthodique en soulignant de manière adéquate les points importants et en utilisant les connecteurs logiques appropriés.

indiquant la relation entre les idées dans un texte articulé et en respectant les règles du genre en question.

Écrire des textes descriptifs et de fiction clairs, détaillés, bien construits dans un style approprié au lecteur visé.

Maria Popica and Isabelle Ste-Marie, PARAGRAPHES: pratiques de rédaction (Anjou: Les éditions CEC, 2014)

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*Documentation is required for illness or non-illness academic accommodation, then such documentation must be submitted by the student directly to the appropriate Faculty Dean`s office and not to the instructor. It will be the Dean`s office that will determine if accommodation is warranted.*

## **ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS**

### **Statement on Use of Electronic Devices**

A clear statement of what electronic devices are allowed in class but not during tests and examinations.

### **Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness:**

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Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth 10% or more of their final grade must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department. Please note that in all courses offered by the Department of French Studies, this same requirement will also apply to assignments worth less than 10% of the final grade. Final examinations must be written at the scheduled time unless formal alternative arrangements for a Special Examination have been approved (by the instructor, the Department and the Home Faculty)

A downloadable Student Medical Certificate can be found here:

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### **Support services**

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Health and Wellness website [http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental\\_health](http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental_health) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

### **Statement on Plagiarism, Cheating and other Scholastic Offences**

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence in the Academic Handbook available on the Academic Calendar website, here:

<http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2016/pg113.html>

### **Important Academic Information for Students Taking Courses in the Department of French Studies**

[http://www.uwo.ca/french/undergraduate/counselling/academic\\_information/index.html](http://www.uwo.ca/french/undergraduate/counselling/academic_information/index.html)

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