

**Department of French Studies
Western University**

**French 3907B
Writing Texts
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**Wednesdays
6:30-9:30 PM**

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PREREQUISITES / ANTIREQUISITES

Prerequisites: Two 0.5 credits from French 2905A/B, French 2906A/B, French 2907A/B (or French 2900) or permission of the Department based on the Placement Test.

Antirequisite(s): French 3900

It is the student's responsibility to check the course prerequisites and antirequisites.

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from the Department of French Studies, you must have completed French 2900 (or French 2905A/B, French 2906A/B, French 2907A/B) or permission of the Department based on the Placement Test.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

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.

PEDAGOGICAL OBJECTIVES

À travers des exercices, des devoirs, des activités de lecture et d'écriture, l'étudiant.e :

se familiarisera avec des genres d'écriture différents et acquerra des techniques propres à ceux-ci;

améliorera sa capacité à s'exprimer par écrit en français sur des sujets divers et lors de situations de communication variées;

continuera son apprentissage du bon usage de la langue à travers l'acquisition de notions grammaticales (comme la concordance des temps de verbes, l'utilisation de connecteurs logiques et de prépositions, le discours rapporté, les niveaux de langue, les pronoms relatifs, la ponctuation, etc.) et l'enrichissement du vocabulaire;

apprendra et mettra en pratique des procédés rhétoriques et stylistiques;

développera son sens d'analyse, plusieurs méthodes de rédaction et d'autocorrection;

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Semaine 8 Le 6 mars	Préparez le plan de votre texte argumentatif	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •FILM : Choisi au début du cours selon les préférences du groupe •Exercices préparatoires à la rédaction du texte argumentatif 	
Semaine 9 Le 13 mars	•Préparez votre texte argumentatif	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Texte argumentatif (rédigé en classe) •Varia 	Texte argumentatif rédigé en classe le 13 mars, 20%
Semaine 10 Le 20 mars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Corrigez et améliorez votre texte narratif •Chapitre 9 : Rédiger un compte rendu critique, pp. 132-143 	Chapitre 9 : Correction et discussion des exercices pp. 132-143	Autocorrection du texte narratif à rendre en classe le 13 mars, 2,5%
Semaine 11 Le 27 mars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Corrigez et améliorez votre texte argumentatif •Préparez le plan de votre compte rendu critique 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Lecture & Exercices préparatoires à la rédaction du compte rendu critique •Stratégies de recherche documentaire, p. 163 	Autocorrection du texte argumentatif à rendre en classe le 27 mars, 2,5%
Semaine 12 Le 3 avril	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Rédigez votre compte rendu critique •Corrigez et améliorez votre compte rendu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Temps supplémentaire pour travailler sur le compte rendu •Varia 	Compte rendu critique du film à rendre via OWL le 3 avril, 20% Autocorrection du compte rendu critique à rendre via OWL le 9 avril, 2,5%

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to attend all lectures and submit assignments on time. Homework must be completed **before** each class in order to receive full participation marks.

Please see the policy

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

Electronic devices will not be allowed in class or during tests and examinations, unless the student has a formal accommodation approved by the University.

Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/academic_policies/rights_responsibilities.html

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 Dean's Office) based on valid documented grounds.

A downloadable Student Medical Certificate can be found here:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/academic_policies/rights_responsibilities.html

Support services

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Health and Wellness website 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>

Debarment from writing the final examination

A student is entitled to be examined in courses in which registration is maintained, subject to the following limitations:

- 1) A student may be debarred from writing the final examination for failure to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year.
- 2) Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or

debarred from taking the regular examination in the course. The Dean of the Faculty offering the course will communicate that decision to the Dean of the Faculty of registration. (“Attendance Regulations for Examinations : http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/academic_policies/examinations.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