

AP French Language and Culture Curriculum Overview

Description (including primary objective and outcomes):

The AP French Language and Cultures course should help prepare students to demonstrate their level of French proficiency across three communicative modes (Interpersonal [interactive communication], Interpretive [receptive communication], and Presentational [productive communication]), and the five goal areas outlined in the *Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21st Century* (Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities) and the Massachusetts Foreign Language Curriculum Frameworks. The course is meant to be comparable to or the equivalent to a fifth and sixth semester college and university courses that focus on speaking and writing in the target language at an advanced level.

Learning Experiences:

Hands-on activities, higher-order thinking, cooperative learning, paired activities, individual writing assignments and essays, listening comprehension, reading comprehension, speaking activities, cultural readings and videos, current-event articles and videos, journal writings and discussions, direct instruction, presentations, songs, role plays, dialogues, PowerPoints, guided notes, textbook activities, research projects, webquests, competitions, manipulatives, visual aids, transparencies, summarizers, homework.

Content Outline:

Families and Communities	Global Challenges	Ideals of Beauty
The Environment	Travel, Holidays, Rites of Passage	
Social Relationships	Contemporary Life:	
Science and Technology	Current Research, Inventions	
Future Technologies	Social Impact of Technology	
Personal and Public Identities	Nationalism, Patriotism,	
Alienation and Assimilation	Peace and War	
Beauty and Aesthetics:	World Artistic Heritage	

Resources Used:

Face à Face, Allons au delà, AP French by Richard Ladd, internet newscasts and articles, Cultural videos, literary texts.