

Course Name: French 3 - Honors

Duration: 1 Semester Full Year

Grade Level: 9th 10th 11th 12th (check all that apply)

Are there any prerequisites for the course?

Successful completion of French I and 2 (approval of teacher in special cases)

WHAT this course is about:

In **French 3-Honors**, students will hone their French language skills while applying the skills they learned in French 1 and 2. In addition to refining their conversation and writing skills, they will develop the necessary skills to give presentations in French. They will also have opportunities to improve their reading skills by using a large French language library. Students will also do activities related to current events in the French speaking world. An important project in French 3 is planning a two-week trip to a French speaking country. Students will give a presentation in French explaining the costs for travel, lodging, and sightseeing for what they plan to see and do during their two-week trip.

WHY take this course:

Pourquoi parler français? (WHY SPEAK FRENCH ?)

Here are ten good reasons.

1. French is an international language.

French is the first or second language in about fifty countries or regions in Europe, Africa, North and South America, Asia, and Oceania. It is spoken by over 100 million people around the world.

2. French is an important diplomatic language.

French is one of the five official languages of the United Nations and one of the two main languages of the European Union.

3. French is the second language on the Internet.

With French, you have immediate access to Internet sites in France and Quebec, as well as sites in Belgium, Switzerland, and French-speaking countries of Africa.

4. France is a technologically advanced country.

Historically, French inventors have contributed significantly to the advancement of science. Today, France is a leader in areas such as aero-space technology, high-speed transportation, automotive design, and medical research.

5. France is a leader in the world of art and literature.

Over the past 400 years, Paris has been an important cultural center, attracting artists and writers from around the world. France has won more Nobel Prizes in literature than any other country.

6. France is a prime tourist destination.

If you like to travel, it will not surprise you to learn that millions of tourists visit France every year — and speaking French makes their vacations much more meaningful and more enjoyable.

7. For many people, France evokes style and elegance.

When people think of high fashion, beauty products, perfumes, or gourmet cuisine, they think of France . . . and rightly so.

8. Knowing French will enrich your English.

In 1066, William the Conqueror, a French nobleman, invaded England and became king, bringing with him his court and his language: French. Today over one-third of all English words are derived from French. As you study French, you will increase your English vocabulary.

9. Knowing French will help you with your university studies.

University admissions officers look for candidates who have foreign language skills. In addition, research by the College Board shows that the longer students study a foreign language, the higher their math and verbal SAT scores.

10. Knowing French will be useful for your career.

Many jobs require the knowledge of another language. France and Canada are major trading partners of the United States. Over 4,600 French companies conduct business in the U.S., providing over 650,000 American jobs. (“French Companies in the U.S.”)

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WHAT you'll learn:

The third year of language is the year when all the pieces of language come together. Students will read authentic pieces of literature, watch and comprehend foreign films, learn sophisticated vocabulary, grammar, syntax. Students will speak and learn in the target language. Students will be encouraged to communicate predominately in the language. Third year language study offers students the opportunity to go beyond the basics and attain a higher level of fluency and competency in all language skills. Grammar includes compound tenses, the Subjunctive, double object pronouns and the comparative and superlative. Activities may include creative, self-directed projects and presentations. Note: some universities require 3 years of a world language for admission.

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WHERE this could take you:

- French 3-Honors students will be encouraged to enroll in French 4 AP following successful completion of the course where they can earn college credit if they pass the French AP Language and Culture exam.
- Some universities require 3 years of a world language for admission.

OPTIONAL Course Outline (“scope and sequence”, sequence chart, etc.)

Course Overview and Learning Objectives

- To have students to continue to build proficiency in the French language through interpersonal, interpretive and presentational communication in preparation for enrollment in AP French Language and Culture Exam.
- To stress reading, writing, speaking and listening through each of the three modes of communication-Interpersonal, Interpretive, Presentational.
- To enrich the students' cultural knowledge and experience of the Francophone world by comparing their own culture and cultural experiences to those of the francophone world.

- To develop sophisticated French grammar skills.