

Learning Outcomes French 5.1

The course emphasizes the use of language for active communication and the understanding of aspects of French history and culture. Students should be able to:

- **Develop a wide variety of vocabulary for reading newspapers articles, literary texts without systematic use of a dictionary**
- **Understand spoken French in a wide variety of contexts, used by native speakers and develop a high level of listening skills allowing them to understand standard French, follow essentials of native conversations that may include the use of colloquial expressions, understand oral reports such as news or oral reports by native speakers, etc...**
- **Develop the ability to express themselves coherently and with reasonable fluency and a high level of accuracy in spoken French to communicate ideas and facts in a form of speech understood by native speakers, discuss topics of current interests and express personal opinions, narrate, describe, interact using a wide variety of linguistic devices**
- **Demonstrate a good command of grammatical forms and syntactical patterns, in speaking and writing**
- **Speak with an accent that is not so marked by students' native language that it interferes with comprehension**
- **Master the ability to write in French in a precise and convincing manner on topics of general interests**
- **Develop a reading proficiency to read authentic French in a variety of contexts (newspapers, literature, internet)**
- **Be familiar with aspects of French history and culture and their implications in the modern French landscape, dating back to the French Revolution.**