



**French 2906A**  
**Language & Expression**  
*Thinking in French / Penser en français*

**MC 17**

**Monday 1:30-3:30PM; Wednesday 1:30-2:30PM**

**Prerequisites:** French 1910 or French 1900E or French 1999 or Permission of the Department based on the [Placement Test](#)

**Antirequisites:** French 2101, French 2900

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

**Instructor Information**

| Instructor       | Email         | Office  | Phone                | Office Hours   |
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Students must use their Western (@uwo.ca) email addresses when contacting their instructor.

**Description et objectifs généraux du cours**

Ce cours a comme objectif de permettre à l'étudiant.e d'améliorer ses capacités (1) à identifier et analyser des pensées ou opinions dans un texte et (2) à exprimer sa pensée (à donner son opinion, à démontrer et à argumenter en français). Par le biais de lectures personnelles, d'exercices interactifs autocorrectifs et de travaux écrits, l'étudiant.e sera amené.e à :

- développer ses habiletés lexicales et syntaxiques en français ;
- développer ses stratégies de compréhension, décortiquer des pensées ou opinions dans un texte ;
- exprimer une opinion ou une pensée qui s'articule grâce à des arguments convaincants.

**Texts and Materials**

- *Rendez-vous sans fautes*, éditions CEC : Print format available at the Bookstore (\$34.65) [https://bookstore.uwo.ca/textbook-search?campus=UWO&term=W2025A&courses%5B0%5D=001\\_UW/FRE2906A](https://bookstore.uwo.ca/textbook-search?campus=UWO&term=W2025A&courses%5B0%5D=001_UW/FRE2906A)  
NB: alternatively, a 1-year access to the digital version of the *Rendez-vous sans fautes* workbook can be purchased online: [www.editionscec.com](http://www.editionscec.com)
- Lectures en PDF seront disponibles sur OWL : <https://westernu.brightspace.com/>

- Ressources en ligne :

*Bon Patron* : <https://bonpatron.com/fr/>

Trésor de la langue française informatisé : <https://www.atilf.fr/ressources/tlfi/>

Le dictionnaire *Petit Robert* : <https://dictionnaire.lerobert.com/>

*Le Conjugueur Larousse* : <https://www.larousse.fr/conjugaison>

## **Course Schedule**

### **Semaine 1 (8 et 10 septembre)**

Lundi : Présentation du cours

Mercredi : Grammaire - *RSF*, Chap. 1, pp. 1-16

### **Semaine 2 (15 et 17 septembre)**

Lundi : Lecture 1 - *La grammaire est une chanson douce*; exposé 1

Mercredi : **Quiz de lecture 1**

### **Semaine 3 (22 et 24 septembre)**

Lundi : Grammaire - *RSF*, Chap. 2, pp. 17-26; exposé 2

Mercredi : Exercices

### **Semaine 4 (29 septembre et 1 octobre)**

Lundi : Lecture 2 - *Le cancre* + *Chagrin d'école*; exposé 3

Mercredi : Lecture à voix haute + explication orale du texte

### **Semaine 5 (6 et 8 octobre)**

Lundi : Grammaire - *RSF*, Chap. 3, pp. 30-47; exposé 4

Mercredi : Exercices

### **Semaine 6 (15 octobre)**

Mercredi : **Test 1**

### **Semaine 7 (20 et 22 octobre)**

Lundi : Lecture 3 - *Exercices de styles*; exposé 5

Mercredi : **Quiz de lecture 2**

### **Semaine 8 (27 et 29 octobre)**

Lundi : Grammaire - *RSF*, Chap. 4, pp. 52-60 ; exposé 6

Mercredi : Exercices

### **Reading week (3-7 novembre)**

### **Semaine 9 (10 et 12 novembre)**

Lundi : Lecture 4 - *Chanson d'automne* / *Je suis venu te dire que je m'en vais*; exposé 7

Mercredi : Lecture à voix haute + explication orale du texte

### **Semaine 10 (17 et 19 novembre)**

Lundi : Grammaire - *RSF*, Chap. 5, pp. 61-75; exposé 8

Mercredi : **Test 2 en classe**

### **Semaine 11 (24 et 26 novembre)**

Lundi : Lecture 5 - Descartes et Pascal (*Cogito* + "roseau pensant"); exposé 9

Mercredi : **Quiz de lecture 3**

### **Semaine 12 (1 et 3 décembre)**

Lundi : Grammaire - *RSF*, Chap 7, pp. 92-115; exposé 10

Mercredi : Exercices

### **Semaine 13 (8 décembre)**

Lundi : Bilan, révision, discussion.

### **Examen final (11-22 décembre)**

### **Methods of Evaluation**

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| Test de grammaire en classe (2 x 10%)                    | <b>20%</b> |
| Quiz de lecture en classe (3 x 10%)                      | <b>30%</b> |
| Lecture à voix haute et explication orale du texte (10%) | <b>10%</b> |
| Exposé en groupe   | <b>10%</b> |
| Examen final   | <b>30%</b> |

- *Deux tests de grammaire en classe, le 15 octobre et le 19 novembre.*
- *3 quizzes de lecture en classe, le 17 septembre, le 22 octobre et le 26 novembre.*
- *Vous allez choisir un extraits parmi les textes de la lecture 2 et 4, et faire une lecture expressive à haute voix avec une courte explication du texte choisi, le 1er octobre ou le 12 novembre.*
- *Un exposé en groupe portant sur un chapitre du Cahier RSF ou un texte au programme (au total 10 exposés).*
- *L'examen final aura lieu pendant la période d'examen (11-22 décembre) : date à préciser.*

*\* Absences from in-class assessments (Tests and Quizzes) require Academic Consideration.*

*Missed final examination requires Academic Consideration with supporting documentation.*

### **OWL**

Students are responsible for checking the course OWL site (<https://westernu.brightspace.com/>) regularly for news and updates. This is the primary method by which information will be disseminated to all students in the class.

If students need assistance with the course OWL site, they can seek support on the [OWL Brightspace Help](#) page. Alternatively, they can contact the Western Technology Services Helpdesk. They can be contacted by phone at 519-661-3800 or ext. 83800.

### **Technical Requirements and Electronic Devices**

This course requires you to have a reliable internet connection and a computer to connect to OWL, work on exercises and write assignments. However, no electronic device will be permitted on test and exams.

In this course, students are permitted to use AI tools exclusively for information gathering and preliminary research purposes. These tools are intended to enhance the learning experience by providing access to diverse information sources. However, it is essential that students critically evaluate the obtained information, exercise independent thinking, and engage in original research to synthesize and develop their own ideas, arguments, and perspectives. The use of AI tools can serve as a starting point for exploration; however, students are expected to uphold academic integrity by appropriately attributing all sources and avoiding plagiarism. Assignments should reflect the students' own thoughts and independent written work. By adhering to these guidelines, students contribute to a responsible and ethical learning environment that promotes critical thinking, independent inquiry and allows them to produce original written contributions.

## General information about missed coursework

Students must familiarize themselves with the *University Policy on Academic Consideration – Undergraduate Students in First Entry Programs* posted on the Academic Calendar:

<https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academicpolicies/appeals/academicconsiderationSep24.pdf>

This policy does not apply to requests for academic consideration submitted for **attempted or completed work**, whether online or in person. The policy also does not apply to students experiencing longer-term impacts on their academic responsibilities. These students should consult: [Accessible Education](#).

For procedures on how to submit Academic Consideration requests, please see the information posted on the Office of the Registrar's webpage:

<https://registrar.uwo.ca/academics/academicconsiderations/>

All requests for Academic Consideration must be made within 48 hours after the assessment date or submission deadline.

All academic consideration requests must include supporting documentation; however, recognizing that formal documentation may not be available in some extenuating circumstances, the policy allows students to make one Academic Consideration request **without supporting documentation** in this course. However, the following assessments are excluded from this, and therefore **always** require formal supporting documentation: Examen final.

In the case of a missed in-class quiz/test/oral performance with academic consideration: a make-up will be scheduled.

In the case of a missed assignment (« Rédaction ») with academic consideration: an extension will be granted.

When a student misses the **Final Exam** and their Academic Consideration has been granted, they will be allowed to write the Special Examination (the name given by the University to a makeup Final Exam). See the Academic Calendar ([Special Examinations](#)), especially for those who miss multiple final exams within one examination period.

## Additional Statements

### Academic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously, and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, here:

<http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academicpolicies/appeals/scholasticdisciplineundergrad.pdf>.

### **Statement on the use of plagiarism-checking software**

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of

plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

### **Policy on Accommodation for Religious Holidays**

Students should review the [policy for Accommodation for Religious Holidays](#). Where a student will be unable to write examinations and term tests due to a conflicting religious holiday, they should inform their instructors as soon as possible but **not later than two weeks** prior to writing the examination/term test. In the case of conflict with a midterm test, students should inform their instructor as soon as possible but not later than one week prior to the midterm.

Religious Accommodation requests for final exams should be submitted via the Student Absence Portal.

### **Academic Accommodation and Accessible Education**

**Academic Accommodation** is “a means of adjusting the academic activities associated with a course or program of student in order to permit students with disabilities to participate in those activities at the University and to fulfill the essential requirements of a course or program.”

[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academicpolicies/appeals/Academic%20Accommodationandabilities.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academicpolicies/appeals/Academic%20Accommodation%20and%20Accessible%20Education.pdf). Students with disabilities are encouraged to register with **Accessible Education** at the earliest opportunity. “Accessible Education plays a central role in Western's efforts to ensure that its academic programs are accessible for all students”

http://academicsupport.uwo.ca/accessibleeducation/index.html

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### **Special Examinations**

A Special Examination is any examination other than the regular examination, and it may be offered only with the permission of the Dean of the Faculty in which the student is registered, in consultation with the instructor and Department Chair. Permission to write a Special Examination may be given on the basis of compassionate or medical grounds with appropriate supporting documents. To provide an opportunity for students to recover from the circumstances resulting in a Special Examination, the University has implemented Special Examinations dates. These dates as well as other important information about examinations and academic standing can be found [here](#).

### **Support Services**

#### **Academic Advising**

Your Home Faculty's Academic Advising Office will support or refer whenever you have an issue that is affecting your studies, including information on adding/dropping courses, academic considerations for absences, appeals, exam conflicts, and many other academic related matters.

Do not hesitate to reach out to them if you are struggling and unsure where to go for help. Contact info for all Faculties is here: <https://registrar.uwo.ca/facultyacademiccounselling.html>

### **Mental Health Support**

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western (<https://uwo.ca/health/>) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

### **Gender-based and sexual violence**

Western University [is committed to reducing incidents of gender-based and sexual violence](#) (GBSV) and providing compassionate support to anyone who is going through or has gone through these traumatic events. If you are experiencing or have experienced GBSV (either recently or in the past), you will find information about support services for survivors, including emergency contacts at the following website:

<https://www.uwo.ca/health/studentsupport/survivorsupport/get-help.html>. To connect with a case manager or set up an appointment, please contact [support@uwo.ca](mailto:support@uwo.ca).

### **Learning Development and Success**

Counsellors at the Learning Development and Success Centre <https://learning.uwo.ca> are ready to help you improve your learning skills. They offer presentations on strategies for improving time management, multiple-choice exam preparation/writing, textbook reading, and more. Individual support is offered throughout the Fall/Winter terms in the drop-in Learning Help Centre, and year-round through individual counselling.

### **USC**

Additional student-run support services are offered by the USC, <https://westernusc.ca/services/>.