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**EDUC 450 - 4**  
**Classroom French Curriculum Studies**  
**(taught in French)**  
**F01.00**

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**PREREQUISITE**

60 credits hours (& 12 credits of Fren)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The exploratory nature of this course, aimed at possible Core French teachers at all levels, permits the investigation of and participation in a variety of activities. These interactions will allow students to enjoy a wide range of language experiences and to understand the pedagogical rationale supporting them. The cultural bias of the activities will lead to a better understanding of French as a living language in constant change spoken by Francophones around the world.

**OBJECTIVES**

1. To enable students to assess their own language needs.
2. To familiarize students with the current pedagogical principles of second language teaching, including assessment and evaluation.
3. To familiarize students with a number of commercial programs currently in use in B.C. schools.
4. To present students with strategies for teaching Core French in a communicative / experiential manner.
5. To engage students in a wide variety of French experiences involving the four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. These will be accomplished through activities using conversation, discussion, debate, reporting, music, television, radio, newspapers and magazines, role-playing, and co-operative activities.
6. To reach an appreciation of French culture through the class activities.

**REQUIREMENTS**

Participation in all activities and a desire to be immersed in a French experience is essential.

1. A self-evaluation of one's language competency and a needs assessment.
2. The gathering and sharing of authentic documents.
3. The development of a French Resource Binder.
4. The development and presentation of a mini-lesson.
5. The study and critique of a Ministry approved commercial programme.
6. A self-evaluation of one's language development and implications for future learning.

**REQUIRED TEXTS**

Boissy, J., Allain, N., and Maillé, S. (1997). Coup de pouce: Lexique thématique. Laval, Québec: Beauchemin. (ISBN: 2 7616 0886 0).

Kendris, C. (1987). Master the Basics: French. New York: Barron's Educational Series, Inc.. (ISBN: 0-8120-3762-6).

**RECOMMENDED TEXT**

Ministry of Education. (1994). Core French IRP Grades 5-12. Victoria, B.C.: Queen's Printer.