

(This text is on the course website.)

French L 103 a: Course Description.

Textbook and workbook: *En Bonne Forme*, Renaud & Van Hooff, 8th edition, ISBN 978-0-470-42421-6; *Student Activities Manual*, ISBN9780470428696. Publisher: Wiley.

In French L 103 a and b, we will undertake a sweeping survey of French grammar, using a textbook designed for this purpose: *En Bonne Forme*. The idea is to cover as much as possible of this aspect of French studies before L 103 c, where continuing students will spend most of the time investigating literary texts. However, the authors of *En Bonne Forme* have also included a wide variety of short literary excerpts, each of which features prominent use of the chapter's grammatical structures. These texts have their own literary merit, and will also serve as vocabulary builders and as springboards for topical discussion. In addition to these excerpts found in the textbook, I will furnish copies of a few other supplementary texts.

Besides reviewing grammar and going over selected exercises in class, we will aim to improve spoken French, whether commenting on the literary passages we've read, or recounting our own recent leisure or academic activities. It will be of great benefit if you embrace every opportunity to express yourself.

The oral activities in the workbook are likewise intended as vehicles for developing speaking reflexes and for improving oral comprehension.

Written work.

There will be a midterm and final exam, each preceded by quizzes and composition assignments, spaced as evenly as possible. Written homework exercises in the workbook will be assigned on a weekly basis.

Attendance.

Regular attendance at class meetings is a basic requirement.

Grade chart.

Oral components	20%
Quizzes and homework	15%
Compositions	15%
Midterm test	20%
Final exam	30%

A weekly assignment schedule appears on the course website, and students are advised to prepare the readings and exercises indicated before each class meeting. Make sure especially to check the upcoming schedule at the end of each week, as there may be amendments and updates as we go along.

[The updates can be viewed on the website:
www.languages.caltech.edu/french/103a/class_info.html]

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