

COURSE OUTLINE

FREN-920

The Cultures of France

3 Semester Hours

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

French-920 is a French Culture course, conducted in English, which complements HCC's World Language curriculum. In this content based course, students and future travelers will gain a deeper understanding of the world around them. Content will be based on discovering other ways of life, other foods, and other behaviors. The course will cover topics such as the geography of France, its food (and wine), how children are raised, inter-relational rules of "society", and famous French people.

Overall Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Know of France's main geographical/administrative components
2. Discover touristic landmarks in France
3. Conceptualize French icons such as food, bread or wine
4. Compare traditional celebrations and holidays with their own
5. Learn about famous French people
6. Understand cultural differences
7. Dispel a few myths and misunderstandings
8. Express opinions and react to required reading
9. Develop their research and writing skills

Major Topics

1. "Location, Location!" A Geographical Presentation of France
2. Food & Wine.
3. Children & Education
4. Inter-relational spaces
5. Famous French People

Course requirements

1. Required reading and active participation
2. 3 oral presentations
3. 1 final research paper

Other Course Information

This course is an Art and Science elective.