**FRAN 300: French for Reading**  
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Classes: MTR 9:30 – 12:20

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**General description**  
Presentation of basic sentence structures, grammar and vocabulary in order to prepare students to acquire a reasonable reading comprehension of scholarly works from various disciplines in French. Primarily intended for students who have little knowledge of French and who are enrolled in university departments requiring a reading knowledge of a second language.

**Prerequisite**  
Not open to students with credit in, or registered in FRAN 180 or higher. Limited normally to graduate students or students with third year standing as the texts studied come mostly from academic journals.

**Required texts**  
- A good English-French/French-English dictionary  
- Material posted on Coursespaces

**Course objectives**  
Develop a working understanding of French scholarly texts. By the end of this course, students who previously had little exposure to French should be able to:  
- Accurately interpret complex specific content from a wide range of topics and styles using strategic grammatical and vocabulary-based techniques;  
- Demonstrate their comprehension of French texts by accurately answering comprehension questions on a text and by translating a passage/text into English.

**Learning methods**  
- Develop strategic grammatical knowledge;  
- Increase understanding of texts using various techniques;  
- Compare vocabulary and syntax of French and English to deepen the student’s understanding of the structure of the language;  
- Compare texts and translations on various topics;  
- Discuss problematic points in class;  
- On-going review and application of the material;  
- Practice, practice, practice.

**Evaluation**  
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Grading
This is a P/F course. A grade of 70% or higher is required for a Pass.

Grades will not be posted on Coursespaces.

Please note that students are expected to work independently using the textbook, the online notes, exercises and assignments and come to class prepared. Class hours will be mainly reserved for questions, discussions, practice, revision and testing.

As per University of Victoria policy, students are expected to attend classes.