

French culture and Society

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Program

PGE
Visitants

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French Culture and Society

Semester

A

Discipline

Interpersonal development techniques

Contact hours

27 H

Number of spots

45

Open to visitors

Yes

Language



Coordinator

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List of lecturers

Lecturer(s)	Email	Contact hours - lecture
Patricia TEHAMI	patricia.tehami@em-strasbourg.eu	27 h

Pedagogical contribution of the course to the program

No educational contribution associated with this course for this program.

Description

This course aims to allow students to better identify and understand some underlying cultural factors that may impact mindsets, behaviours and practices in today's France, particularly in the working environment. Beyond unearthing significant trends and patterns, such an approach will also enable students to revisit some workplace clichés traditionally associated with France -quality of life, incessant strikes, the 35-hour week, an overreaching state, to name a few-. By comparing facts and experiences in the home and host countries, the students will enhance their cross-cultural awareness and their ability to better adapt to an ever-changing world. The observation of the French emphasis on continuity through change will finally allow for an assessment of some salient strengths and weaknesses of France as a cultural entity to be reckoned with in social or business interactions and dealings.

Teaching methods

Face-to-face

- Lectures
- Tutorials
- E-learning

In group

- Exercises
- Oral presentations
- Projects
- Case studies/texts

Interaction

- Discussions/debates
- Personal accounts

Others

No items in this list have been checked.

Learning objectives

Cognitive domain

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to

- - (level 1) **Identify** characteristic behaviours and practices

- - (level 2) **Distinguish** facts from clichés
 - - (level 3) **Interpret** cultural determinisms
 - - (level 5) **Incorporate** data pertaining to different fields
 - - (level 6) **Evaluate** one's own observations and interpretations
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Affective domain

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to
None affective domain have been associated with this course yet

Outline

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- 1° The Overall Picture. Some Facts and Figures. Preliminary observations about the new COVID-19 context.
- 2° French Paradoxes and Mysteries
- 3° Education and Work
- 4° Money and Business
- 5° From "Made in France" to Brand France
- 6° Luxury and Innovation
- 7° Self-Representations: French Symbols - French Exceptionalism
- 8° The French Language
- 9° Revisions and exam preparation

The above outline is an indicative one. Sections may be expanded or pared down based on developments in the news. This will allow for hands-on observations and more challenging opportunities to form opinions.

No prerequisite has been provided

Knowledge in / Key concepts to master

None apart from a willingness to observe, identify and interpret situations and behaviour while remaining non-judgmental and to further further grasp intrinsic similarities and differences with situations and behaviour in one's home country.

Teaching material

Mandatory tools for the course

- Computer

Documents in all formats

- Newspaper articles
- Case studies/texts
- Worksheets

Moodle platform

- Upload of class documents
- Interface to submit coursework

Software

- Keynote

Additional electronic platforms

- AssessFirst
- CrossKnowledge
- goFLUENT

Recommended reading

Main reading material

A relevant bibliography/webography is provided in the Course Reader handed out in the first session.

Additional literature

No reading material has been provided.

EM Research: Be sure to mobilize at least one resource

Textbooks, case studies, translated material, etc. can be entered

Patricia Tehami, "Brand France: A Battle of Wits and Insights", The Global Interdisciplinary Conference: Green Cities, Nancy, 30 juin 2018

Assessment

List of assessment methods

Intermediate assessment / continuous assessment 1 Other (date, pop quiz, etc.) : Dates as specified on Moodle

Written and oral / Group / English / Weight : 50 %

Details : Group research report and presentation. Will be evaluated individually

This evaluation is used to measure L02.1, L02.3, L04.1, L04.2

Final evaluation Exam week

Written (120 Min.) / Individual / English / Weight : 50 %

Details : Essay or case study

This evaluation is used to measure L02.3, L04.1, L04.2