



## FRAN1300 Understand Belgium

[120h+120h exercises] 8 credits

This course is taught in the 1st and 2nd semester

Language: French

Level: First cycle

### Aims

At the end of this module, the student will be able to read and listen to documents of level B1 or B2 (CEF). The student will be able to express him/herself in French in different types of social and professional contexts. The student will be able to enter unprepared into conversation on topics that are familiar and pertinent to everyday life (family, academic issues, current events...), he/she will be able to write texts of level B1 (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

### Main themes

To fulfil these objectives, teaching activity will focus on the following topics :

- listening to short, authentic documents (radio and TV programmes, songs) ;
- focus on verbs (morphology), past tenses, future and subjunctive, pronouns objects, "en", "y", relative clauses ;
- phonetics ;
- taking part in conversation, writing sketches ;
- oral presentations ;
- following a guided visit at the Federal Parliament ;
- outings;
- writing letters, summaries ;
- discovering Belgian and French-speaking cultures.

### Content and teaching methods

#### Code and Title

FRAN 1300 - "Belgian cultures and actualities", an intermediate course.

- A course for students enrolled at the UCL (Erasmus and non Erasmus) who take FRAN 1300 as a faculty or as an optional course as well as for free students (étudiants libres) who are not enrolled at the UCL.

- 8 ECTS

Pre-requisite: Level A2 in the four skills.

Number of hours, rythm, terms

120 h, 4 h / week, all the year.

#### Aim

At the end of the course, students are expected to have reached a B1 level (CEF) in writing and speaking, and a B2 level in reading and listening.

#### Methods and contents

The course is given in French by a native speaker in accordance to interactive communication. In this course, students:

- work on authentic documents;
- use and practise grammar in oral and written situations;
- take part in conversations;
- discover Belgian and French speaking cultures.

#### Evaluation

- Continuous assessment. Language tests, oral and written exercises
- Written and oral exam

**Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)**

Pre-requisite

Oral placement test

Evaluation

Written and oral exam and several continuous assessments

Support

Course notes, verbs and grammar book

Supervision

titular teacher

Others

This course corresponds to Level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEF) for Reading, Listening, Spoken interaction, Spoken production and Writing.

Information specifically linked to a year of study

The entity managing the programmes

- specifies the years of study concerned by the activity of teaching in the programmes it manages

- attributes an ECTS value and specifies the compulsory feature or not of this activity for each year of study

ECTS value by default : 8 credits

defined by the responsible entity for the instructions

Titular professor :

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Principally adressed year(s) of study

Open to all foreign students registered at University who have level A2 (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)