

## **SEMESTER – I**

### **GIR 3102: FRENCH LANGUAGE PAPER I**

#### **Course Description**

To introduce the students of B.A.(IR) to French as a language and a tool of communication and knowledge acquisition which is a fundamental requirement for the students of international relations. In fact, the comprehensive knowledge of IR will be rather impaired without the working knowledge of a foreign language, i.e. French or German in the context of SGS/DIR/CUK.

In today's fast changing world, international relations hold the key to diplomatic studies, peace studies, and contemporary socio-politic and socio-economic studies, relations between countries and so on. In such a transnational academic and intellectual framework, it goes beyond saying that a good working knowledge of a foreign language is mandatory.

#### **Course Outcomes**

The knowledge of French thus will enable the students of IR to

- Have access to original documents without the recourse of a third language
- Interact freely with the knowledge base of the country/region of study
- Strengthen the area study programme
- Access to a different world view which is essentially different from the Anglo-Saxon world view
- Be sensitive to a non-Anglo-Saxon world order
- Discover the Francophone world
- Be able to discover the rich academic and intellectual heritage of France and the French speaking countries
- Delve especially into Francophone Africa

#### **Syllabus**

##### **Language Functions and Topic Areas**

- Greetings and exchanging personal information
- Countries and nationalities
- Numbers, Days and months
- Alphabet, Spell names and other words
- Professions
- Telling time
- Talk about Leisure activities and your likes and dislikes
- Describing people
- Ask questions to gather information
- Telephoning
- Giving and asking for directions
- Travelling at the airport, catching a train

- Food and drinks
- Shops and shopping [How to ask for price]
- French meals, understand a menu and order [restaurant bill, taxi fare, hotel bill etc]
- French etiquette
- Making suggestions and polite requests
- Writing an informal not a post card

### **Language Structures**

- Verbs
- Articles
- Adjectives
- Present tense and Present Continuous
- Past tense
- Immediate future
- Prepositions
- Partitive articles to express quantity
- Imperative – for order and to advice