

SEMESTER II

GIR 3202: FRENCH LANGUAGE PAPER II

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

- Accommodation
- Talk about one's health and enquire about another person's health
- Weather
- Talk about different moments of life
- Talk about family and relationship
- Talk about means of communication
- Talk about a problem
- Take an appointment
- Physical descriptions
- Clothes, size and colour

Language Structures

- Reflexive Verbs
- Expression of Quantity
- Past continuous
- Expression of duration
- Direct object pronouns
- Recent past
- Reported speech
- Position of adjectives.