

**The University of North Carolina Wilmington
Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
French Section**

Oral Proficiency Exam for Graduating French and French/Business Majors

Student Sheet, spring 2009

The oral exam is given Friday, April 3, 3:30-5 p.m.

The purpose of this exam is to evaluate the oral proficiency in French of graduating seniors at the end of their studies at UNCW. This exam is based, in part, in the ACTFL and OPI oral proficiency guidelines. The format of the exam and structures to be covered are provided below. Specific questions to be asked are left undisclosed until the actual exam time. The exam lasts approximately twenty minutes and is usually administered by two faculty members designated by the French section on a semester basis. Evaluation is based on fluidity, mastery of grammatical structures and vocabulary, oral comprehension and cultural competence. For formal purposes the exam is broken down into three main parts: introduction, development and closing. An outline is provided to faculty in order to assure consistency in content and evaluation; it in no way assumes that all questions will be asked or that all areas will be covered. The exam is to imitate actual, informal conversation rather than a series of unrelated questions. Monologues are not encouraged and should be interrupted by the faculty to insure natural speech.

The French oral proficiency exam for International Business majors and graduating seniors of French will take place on Friday, April 3, 3:30-5 p.m. Students taking the Foreign Language Competency Exam for International Business majors are asked to come to the Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures, 279 LH, after having finished taking their written exam. All students wishing to take the oral proficiency exam are asked to come to the lobby of the Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures, 279 LH, on Friday, April 3, 3:30-5 p.m. to take the exam. Information about the exam can be found at www.uncw.edu/fll, under "Student and Faculty Resources".

Students are expected to arrive prepared and on time. It is highly suggested by the French faculty that students take their oral proficiency exam no later than the semester before they intend on graduating. Please reserve Friday, April 3, 3:30-5 p.m., for this exam. No make-ups will be given, no other time slots arranged. Contact: Dr. Scatton-Tessier, scattonm@uncw.edu

Points covered include:

- I. Introduction (highlights habits, hobbies and studies/ present tense)**
- II. Development**
 - A. (highlights past events/ past tenses)**
 - B. (highlights story telling, witnessing and relaying information in the past)**
 - C. (highlights future projects/ simple future)**
 - D. (highlights hypotheses/ the conditional)**
- III. Closing (brings closure to the exam)**

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