

## CAS FR 301 French Communication Skills (four credits)

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This class trains you to optimize your communicative skills in advance of your interviews for internships, to succeed in your elective and to become more conversant quickly with your French environment.

### **Books and materials:**

*Outils pour le français professionnel* by Emmanuelle FARHI;

*L'Express* (weekly magazine);

CD of a variety of French songs & related exercises

### Speech Acts

Focus on preparing to be a good candidate and effective intern, and simply interacting

Professional situations enacted in class

Telephone conversations (professional & personal)

Daily situations

Debates about current issues and recent French songs and movies

### Phonetics

Tricks of the trade to sound more native-like.

Improving pronunciation:

Different vowels and consonants

Rhythm and intonation

### Oral Presentations

The French love to argue. Learn to argue with them.

Pros and cons: arguing your point on a society/civilization issue.

Oral Presentation based on a critical reading of an article in *L'Express*: structured analysis including linguistic elements and debates about ideas.

### **Course Grading:**

Class participation	20%
Expression	10%
Phonetics	10%
Midterm	15%

Oral presentation (Pros & Cons)	15%
Oral presentation ( <i>L'Express</i> )	15%
Final	15%