Preliminary Course (Intensive Elementary French)

Course Content
● Communication skills
Hellos and goodbyes, addressing people, attracting someone’s attention, buying food, shopping for groceries, asking the price, asking for an explanation, getting to know Paris, understanding directions, introducing yourself and asking others, choosing tu or vous, filling in an application form, saying your nationality and where you were born, asking for information, understanding instructions, writing brief messages (SMS, instructions, slogans, headlines…)
● Grammar
The present of the regular –er verbs rester (to stay), arriver (to arrive),
Introduction to irregular verbs such as être (to be), faire (to do, to make), avoir (to have)
The infinitive (pour + infinitive; il faut + infinitive)
The imperative (to give instructions)
Prepositions with names of towns and countries
Possessive adjectives
● Lexicon
Famous names and common surnames; alphabet; numbers; food; time out

Basic Assignments
● studying dialogues, vocabulary, grammar & verbs
● writing exercises
● repeating oral activities
● reading documents

Required Textbooks
3. Grammaire progressive du français (avec CD audio), niveau débutant, Cle international, 2010 (new edition !)
3. Bilingual dictionary

Grading
● 30% vocabulary, class participation/presence, oral comprehension/fluency;
● 20% homework, quizzes, dictations and compositions;
● 30% written test (Friday, September 21th);
● 20% oral test (Friday, September 21th);
The final exam will be held on Friday, September 21th, 2012 (9h-11h).
Students must be present for the exam.
An “F” will be given for any quiz or exam missed. There will be no make-up exams outside of officially excused absences.

Attendance
As language learning is a highly cumulative process, absences in class are not allowed. Students must be mindful of this policy when making their travel arrangements. If a student arrives at course meetings more than 10 minutes late, it will be considered an unexcused absence.