French 236: Professional Communication in French
(MW 2-2:50; 2 units; section: 34258D)

French 236 offers students at the intermediate level the opportunity to
develop their communication skills and cultural competency in preparation for
working or living in a French-speaking environment.

Through communicative task-based activities, the course enables students to
develop the linguistic and cultural skills required for successfully conducting
everyday transactions: telephone etiquette; scheduling/cancelling
appointments or reservations; looking for an apartment or a job (CV, cover
letter, interview); conducting transactions (banking transactions, placing
orders, initiating and responding to correspondence). Emphasis is on the
everyday practical and utilitarian aspects of the language.

Students also develop their cultural competency by drawing comparisons
between the attitudes of Americans and the French towards work, the
environment, and the government, amongst others.

Finally, the course prepares students for the Diplôme de français professionnel
B1 granted by the Chambre de commerce et d'industrie de Paris Ile de France
(CCI) and recognized in the European Union. Students may register to take the
test for a supplementary fee set by the CCI.

Prerequisite: Fren-220