**STUDY HINTS: PRACTICING FRENCH OUTSIDE OF CLASS**

Chers étudiants,

To be able to gain a deep and lasting knowledge of French, please practice/review French daily. Here are some tips to improve your language skills outside of class.

1. Most importantly, take advantage of and create opportunities to speak French with others. Language is a social tool: It withers and fades in isolation.
2. Hold a regular conversation hour-at a café in a park, or virtually-with other students in your class.
3. Practice your French with native speakers. Are there French-speaking students? Try out a few phrases every chance you get.
4. Explore the myriad French and Francophone resources online, including Web pages, streaming audio and video, podcasts, and virtual museums. Use www.google.fr, YouTube®, TV5monde.com, and the websites of French publications (such as Le Monde, Le Figaro, L'Express, Paris-Match...) for music, listening comprehension, and reading. If you use French search words, you'll be directed to French-language sites.
5. Make a habit of viewing French-language films at the movies, streaming, or on DVD. Streaming services (Netflix, Amazon Prime, Criterion, etc.) and your public and college libraries have ample collections of French films.
6. Read French-language publications. Inexpensive books, e-books, and other print materials can be ordered online. Sites such as www.gutenberg.org have libraries of public domain books in French for download.
7. Listen to French-language radio, music and watch French-language television. Many French radio stations and TV channels are online. Download the free apps for TV5 Monde, and also Radio France to access French public radio. You may find them difficult at first, but you will be surprised how quickly your understanding grows. Search online for "French-language radio" or "French-language channels."