FREN 300 is a creative writing workshop aimed at developing grammar skills and stylistics in French. Particularly, this course will allow students to familiarize themselves with the writing style of a detective novel as a genre. Through journals and compositions, posted on the class blog, as well as practice exercises, the course is organized into sections on:

- The elaboration of a fictional character
- The description of a Parisian “arrondissement” (including the building and the apartments in which the characters will live together)
- The writing of a plot
- The writing of a detective novel as a final project with other classmates, based on the characters and events developed during the course

In parallel, we will study “Coule la Seine”, three short detective stories by Fred Vargas taking place in Paris.

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