

Morris Campus

French B.A.

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- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2011
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 40
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

French is an important language of diplomacy, commerce, and health care, and is used in research across the globe and in many disciplines, such as music, art, linguistics, history, law, political science, anthropology, biology, chemistry, mathematics, and philosophy. The French discipline gives students the language and analytic skills necessary to engage intellectually with these interconnected fields in French and to appreciate the cultures of France and Francophone countries throughout the world.

Objectives--The French discipline teaches the skills necessary for communicating with a variety of French-speaking peoples and for understanding their rich cultures, ideas, institutions, and writings, past and present. We invite students to think critically about French and Francophone cultures, and prepare them for graduate school or to enter a bilingual professional world.

STUDY ABROAD

In light of today's increasingly interdependent world, the UMM French faculty endorses study abroad in combination with a French major or minor as the most effective means by which to

- * improve language abilities;
- * broaden academic horizons;
- * globalize one's world view;
- * expand career opportunities;
- * advance cross-cultural and problem-solving skills; and
- * gain confidence in oneself personally and professionally.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN FRENCH

The certificate program in French responds to the growing demand for individuals who can communicate successfully in a global environment, and is intended for students whose other academic commitments prevent them from completing either a major or minor in French. To earn a certificate, a student must

- a) complete a minimum of 12 credits in French at UMM at the 2xxx and/or 3xxx level. All courses for the certificate must be taken on campus at UMM. Students are encouraged to study abroad, but the UMM French faculty need to assess the skills and progress of the student. Therefore, classes taken abroad (including July in Paris) do not count for the certificate.
- b) earn at least a B in each of the three courses (S-N grades will not be accepted for the Certificate).

No courses in English may count toward the French certificate program. Students who complete a major or minor in French are not eligible for the certificate program.

A student who has met the above requirements will receive a reference letter from the UMM French faculty certifying completion of the certificate program as well as language competence based on guidelines published by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

Required prerequisites

Beginning French

Beginning French I and II or equivalent previous language experience required to take intermediate French.

General Requirements

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements. For more information, see the [general education](#)



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Program Requirements

Students are required to take 2 semester(s) of French.

Students are strongly encouraged to study abroad, but should also plan to complete a significant amount of coursework in French at UMM. Up to 9 credits for one semester abroad or 16 credits for a year abroad may count towards the French major. Students may count FREN 3060 - July in Paris III: French Language and Culture in Paris toward the major as an on-campus course. Transfer students may apply up to 9 credits from another institution towards the French major. Students who wish to apply both transfer and study abroad credits must petition the French faculty for approval.

Students majoring in French are strongly encouraged to take at least one year of instruction in another world language.

One cross-listed French course taught in English (such as Fren 1027, 1031, 1302, 1311 or 1312) may be counted towards the French major, provided that students complete written work for the class in French.

No grades below C- are allowed. Courses may not be taken S-N unless offered S-N only.

A minimum GPA of 2.00 is required in the major to graduate. The GPA includes all, and only, University of Minnesota coursework. Grades of "F" are included in GPA calculation until they are replaced.

Required Courses

FREN 2001 - Intermediate French I [IP] (4.0 cr)

FREN 2002W - Intermediate French II [IP] (4.0 cr)

FREN 3001 *{Inactive}*[IP] (4.0 cr)

FREN 3011W - Introduction to French and Francophone Literature [HUM] (4.0 cr)

Early Modern Studies (EMS)

These courses fall within the period that encompasses the Middle Ages through French classicism. Students gain familiarity with the history, cultures, and literatures of France from its beginnings in early feudal society through the seventeenth century.

Take 4 or more credit(s) from the following:

•FREN 1027 *{Inactive}*[HUM] (4.0 cr)

•FREN 3402 - Medieval and Early Modern Studies: Pre-Enlightenment Culture in France (2.0 - 4.0 cr)

•FREN 3023 *{Inactive}*[HUM] (4.0 cr)

•FREN 3026 *{Inactive}*[HUM] (4.0 cr)

•FREN 3028 *{Inactive}*[HUM] (4.0 cr)

Modern Studies (MOS)

These courses cover a wide range of historical, literary, and cultural moments and movements that have marked France's development since the dawn of the French Enlightenment.

Take 4 or more credit(s) from the following:

•FREN 1031 - Modern Studies: The Modern Body in France [SS] (2.0 cr)

•FREN 1302 *{Inactive}*[IP] (4.0 cr)

•FREN 3502 - Modern Studies: Revolution, Romanticism, Modernity (4.0 cr)

•FREN 3503 - Modern Studies: Avant-Garde, Existentialism, Experimentation (2.0 - 4.0 cr)

•FREN 3501 - Modern Studies: The Old Regime and New Ideas: The French Enlightenment (4.0 cr)

Francophone Studies (FRS)

These courses examine the literature, film, history and cultures of French-speaking populations living in Africa, North America, the Caribbean, South America, Europe, and Asia.

Take 4 or more credit(s) from the following:

•FREN 1311 - Sub-Saharan Francophone Cinema [IP] (4.0 cr)

•FREN 1312 *{Inactive}*[IP] (4.0 cr)

•FREN 3602 *{Inactive}*[IP] (4.0 cr)

•FREN 3603 - Francophone Studies: Witches, Wilderness, and Words in African Folktales (4.0 cr)

•FREN 3504 *{Inactive}*[IP] (4.0 cr)

•FREN 3604 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)

Compilation of the French Major Portfolio

The portfolio is a collection of work charting students' intellectual progress from FREN 3001 throughout the French major. Beginning in FREN 3001, students keep all syllabi, papers, and exams--including work completed abroad--in one 3-ring binder. Senior year, students write a brief paper summarizing their intellectual history in the French major and present their portfolio to the French faculty. French Major Portfolio

Senior Seminar



FREN 4901 must be taken on campus and the final seminar presentation must be given in French.
FREN 4901 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)

Elective Courses

An additional 8 credits of FREN 3xxx or above, exclusive of those used to fulfill required cluster courses. FREN 2011 and FREN 2012 may also be used to satisfy this elective requirement. Students may take up to 4 credits from FREN 1027, FREN 1031, FREN 1302, FREN 1311, FREN 1312 towards these elective credits.

Electives can be chosen from the cluster courses or the following:

Take 8 or more credit(s) from the following:

- FREN 1027 *{Inactive}*[HUM] (4.0 cr)
- FREN 1031 - Modern Studies: The Modern Body in France [SS] (2.0 cr)
- FREN 1302 *{Inactive}*[IP] (4.0 cr)
- FREN 1311 - Sub-Saharan Francophone Cinema [IP] (4.0 cr)
- FREN 1312 *{Inactive}*[IP] (4.0 cr)
- FREN 3112 - Advanced Language Studies: Introduction to French Phonetics (2.0 - 4.0 cr)
- FREN 2012 *{Inactive}*(1.0 cr)
- FREN 3xxx
- FREN 4xxx