



### **Twin Cities Campus**

## **French and Italian Studies B.A.**

*French & Italian*

### **College of Liberal Arts**

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2022
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 33 to 75
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

The French and Italian studies major allows students interested in both cultures and languages to pursue a combined major. Students study specific works in each nation's literature while also exploring the interrelations and cross-cultural exchanges that have contributed to Italian and French literature and culture. This comparative perspective introduces students to a broad range of issues and cultural practices.

### **Program Delivery**

This program is available:

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

### **Admission Requirements**

Students must formally declare a major within the department before completing the majority of the major elective requirements.

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

#### **Required prerequisites**

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These courses, or equivalent, must be taken in sequential order. In select cases, students with advanced proficiency may place out through EPT or LPE examinations. Students may declare the French and Italian Studies BA while FREN/ITAL 1004 is in progress.

##### **Beginning and Intermediate French**

Take 0 - 4 course(s) totaling 0 - 20 credit(s) from the following:

- **FREN 1001** - Beginning French I (5.0 cr)
- **FREN 1002** - Beginning French II (5.0 cr)
- or **FREN 1022** - Accelerated Beginning French (5.0 cr)
- **FREN 1003** - Intermediate French I (5.0 cr)
- **FREN 1004** - Intermediate French II (5.0 cr)

##### **Beginning and Intermediate Italian**

Take 0 - 4 course(s) totaling 0 - 20 credit(s) from the following:

- **ITAL 1001** - Beginning Italian I (5.0 cr)
- **ITAL 1002** - Beginning Italian II (5.0 cr)
- **ITAL 1003** - Intermediate Italian I (5.0 cr)
- **ITAL 1004** - Intermediate Italian II (5.0 cr)

### **General Requirements**

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements including writing and liberal education courses. For more information about University-wide requirements, see the [liberal education requirements](#). Required courses for the major or minor in which a student receives a D grade (with or without plus or minus) do not count toward the major or minor (including transfer courses).

### **Program Requirements**

Students are required to complete 4 semester(s) of French and Italian, with a grade of C-, or better, or demonstrate proficiency in the language(s) as defined by the department or college.

CLA BA degrees require 18 upper-division (3xxx-level or higher) credits outside the major designator. These credits must be taken in designators different from the major designator and cannot include courses that are cross-listed with the major designator. The major designator for the French and Italian Studies BA is FREN.

At least 16 upper-division credits in the major must be taken at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities campus. This includes learning abroad courses taken for resident credit. At least 4 of the 10 upper-division FREN, FRIT and ITAL courses (not counting the capstone) must be taken in the Department of French and Italian at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus.



Students may earn a BA or a minor in French and/or Italian, but not both. Any departmental major or minor may be combined with the French Advanced-Level Proficiency Certificate.

All incoming CLA freshmen must complete the First-Year Experience course sequence.

All students must complete a capstone in at least one CLA major. The requirements for double majors completing the capstone in a different CLA major will be clearly stated. Students must also complete all major requirements in both majors to allow the additional capstone to be waived. Student completing an addition degree must complete the capstone in each degree area.

### Core Courses

Take exactly 4 course(s) totaling exactly 13 credit(s) from the following:

- **FREN 3015** - Advanced French Grammar and Communication (3.0 cr)
- **FREN 3016** - Advanced French Composition and Communication (3.0 cr)
- **FREN 3101W** - Methods in French and Francophone Studies [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
- **ITAL 3015** - Reading, Conversation, and Composition (4.0 cr)

### French Elective

FREN 30xx and 37xx courses do not count towards the French Elective requirement.

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling 3 or more credit(s) from the following:

- **FREN 3101W** - Methods in French and Francophone Studies [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
- FREN 3111 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- FREN 3140 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- **FREN 4993** - Directed Study (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- FREN 3172 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- FREN 3240 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- FREN 3260 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- FREN 3310 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- FREN 3340 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- **FREN 3345** - The Holocaust in France: Literature, History, Testimony (3.0 cr)
- **FREN 3350** - Topics in Literature (3.0 cr)
- FREN 3410 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- **FREN 3431** - Gender and Sexuality in Francophone Literature and Cinema (3.0 cr)
- FREN 3451 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- **FREN 3471** - Topics in Francophone African Literature and Cultures [GP] (3.0 cr)
- **FREN 3479** - Francophone Writers of the African Diaspora (3.0 cr)
- **FREN 3500** - Linguistic Analysis of French (3.0 cr)
- FREN 3521 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- FREN 3541 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- **FREN 3611** - Speaking of Love in Medieval France: Stories, Songs, and Letters [LITR, GP] (3.0 cr)
- **FREN 3650** - Topics in French/Francophone Cultures (3.0 cr)
- **FREN 3661** - Francophone North America (3.0 cr)
- **FREN 3850** - Topics in French and Francophone Media (3.0 cr)
- **FREN 3896** - Internship in a French-Speaking Milieu (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- FREN 3662 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)  
or FREN 3663 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

### Italian Electives

Take 9 or more credit(s) from the following:

#### Italian

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:

- **ITAL 3640** - Topics in Italian Studies (3.0 cr)
- **ITAL 3647** - Urban Transformation in Italy [GP] (3.0 cr)
- **ITAL 3837** - Imagining Italy: Italian and Italian-American Culture, History, and Society through Film [AH, GP] (4.0 cr)
- **ITAL 3896** - Internship for Academic Credit (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- ITAL 4307 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- **ITAL 4993** - Directed Study (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- **ITAL 5289** - The Narrow Door: Women Writers and Feminist Practices in Italian Literature and Culture (4.0 cr)
- **ITAL 5970** - Directed Readings (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- **ITAL 3201** - Reading Italian Texts: Poetics, Rhetoric, Theory (3.0 cr)  
or ITAL 5201 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- ITAL 3203 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)  
or ITAL 5203 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- **ITAL 3305** - Staging the Self: Theater and Drama in Modern Italy (3.0 cr)  
or ITAL 5305 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)



- [ITAL 3502](#) - Making of Modern Italy: From the Enlightenment to the Present. (3.0 cr)  
or [ITAL 5502](#) - Making of Modern Italy: From the Enlightenment to the Present (3.0 cr)

• **Other Electives**

With the approval of the Italian studies undergraduate advisor, courses taken through other departments (e.g., art history, English, history, music) may count toward the Italian Studies minor when they pertain to Italian studies topics.

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:

- [ENGL 3040](#) - Studies in Film (3.0 cr)
- [HIST 3053](#) - Ancient Civilization: Rome [HIS] (3.0 cr)
- [HIST 3621](#) - Creating the Modern World in Medieval Europe: The Renaissance, 1200-1600 (3.0 cr)
- [MUS 5620](#) - Topics in Opera History (3.0 cr)
- [ARTH 3315](#) - The Age of Curiosity: Art, Science & Technology in Europe, 1400-1800 [AH, TS] (3.0 cr)  
or [HIST 3708](#) - The Age of Curiosity: Art, Science & Technology in Europe, 1400-1800 [AH, TS] (3.0 cr)
- [ARTH 3335](#) - Baroque Rome: Art and Politics in the Papal Capital [HIS] (3.0 cr)  
or [ARTH 5335](#) - Baroque Rome: Art and Politics in the Papal Capital (3.0 cr)  
or [HIST 3706](#) - Baroque Rome: Art and Politics in the Papal Capital [HIS] (3.0 cr)  
or [RELS 3612](#) - Baroque Rome: Art and Politics in the Papal Capital [HIS] (3.0 cr)  
or [RELS 5612](#) - Baroque Rome: Art and Politics in the Papal Capital (3.0 cr)

**French & Italian Electives**

Take 6 or more credit(s) from the following:

- [FRIT 3600](#) ~~(Inactive)~~ (3.0 cr)
- [FRIT 3850](#) - Topics in French and Italian Cinema (3.0 cr)
- [FRIT 5240](#) ~~(Inactive)~~ (3.0 cr)

**Capstone**

The capstone is completed in [FREN 4101W](#), [4101V](#), [4109W](#), [4110V](#), and/or [ITAL 3459W](#), in the last or next-to-last semester before graduation. Research topics must be approved by course instructor. Papers are written in consultation with course instructor or other appropriate faculty member. Honors students writing summa theses should take a total of 4 credits of capstone by combining [4101V](#) and [4110V](#) in their final year.

Take 1 - 2 course(s) totaling 2 - 4 credit(s) from the following:

Students who double major within CLA and choose to complete the capstone requirement in their other major may waive the French and Italian Studies capstone, and they do not need to replace the 2 credits. Students who waive the French and Italian Studies capstone may complete the BA with a minimum of 30 credits.

• **Capstone Seminar**

- [FREN 4101W](#) - Capstone Seminar in French and Francophone Studies [WI] (2.0 cr)  
or [FREN 4101V](#) - Honors Capstone Seminar in French and Francophone Studies [WI] (2.0 cr)

• **Capstone Independent Study**

- [FREN 4109W](#) - Capstone Independent Study in French and Francophone Studies [WI] (2.0 cr)  
or [FREN 4110V](#) - Honors Capstone Independent Study in French and Francophone Studies [WI] (2.0 - 4.0 cr)  
or [ITAL 3459W](#) - Senior Project [WI] (2.0 cr)

**Upper Division Writing Intensive within the major**

Students are required to take one upper division writing intensive course within the major. If that requirement has not been satisfied within the core major requirements, students must choose one course from the following list. Some of these courses may also fulfill other major requirements.

Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:

- [FREN 3101W](#) - Methods in French and Francophone Studies [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [FREN 4101W](#) - Capstone Seminar in French and Francophone Studies [WI] (2.0 cr)  
or [FREN 4101V](#) - Honors Capstone Seminar in French and Francophone Studies [WI] (2.0 cr)
- [FREN 4109W](#) - Capstone Independent Study in French and Francophone Studies [WI] (2.0 cr)  
or [FREN 4110V](#) - Honors Capstone Independent Study in French and Francophone Studies [WI] (2.0 - 4.0 cr)  
or [ITAL 3459W](#) - Senior Project [WI] (2.0 cr)