



Twin Cities Campus

French Studies B.A.

French & Italian

College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2012
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 33 to 34
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

The French studies major includes courses in three areas of concentration: linguistics, literature, and culture. Courses in language and linguistics include history of the French language, structure of the language, sociolinguistics, phonetics, conversation, and business French. Courses in literature and culture focus on topics and problems in three broad historical periods: the Middle Ages and Renaissance, early modern France, and modern and contemporary France. A number of courses focus on Francophone literature from Africa, the Caribbean, and Quebec. Courses in French cinema are also offered.

Many students combine a French studies major with another major. The department offers selected courses in English for students who have not mastered French but want to study France and the French-speaking world.

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](#).

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 take 4 semester(s) of French.

At least four upper division courses must be completed in the French department at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities campus.

Major Courses

Courses not used to fulfill a Major Courses requirement may be taken to fulfill elective requirements.

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)

FREN 3111 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

or **FREN 3140** *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

or **FREN 3170** *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

or **FREN 3172** *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

or **FREN 3181** *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

or **FREN 3240** *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

or **FREN 3250** *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

or **FREN 3260** *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

or **FREN 3310** *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

or **FREN 3321** *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

or **FREN 3330** *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

or **FREN 3340** *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

or **FREN 3350** - Topics in Literature (3.0 cr)

or **FREN 3360** *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

or **FREN 3371** *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

or **FREN 3380** *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

or **FREN 3410** *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)



or FREN 3451 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
or [FREN 3479](#) - Francophone Writers of the African Diaspora (3.0 cr)
or FREN 5250 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
or FREN 5260 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
or FREN 5270 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
or [FREN 5350](#) - Topics in Literature and Culture (3.0 cr)
or FREN 5470 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
FREN 3601 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
or FREN 3602 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
or [FREN 3611](#) - Speaking of Love in Medieval France: Stories, Songs, and Letters [LITR, GP] (3.0 cr)
or [FREN 3650](#) - Topics in French/Francophone Cultures (3.0 cr)
or FREN 3671 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

Electives

FREN 3010 is repeatable for a total of nine credits. LING 3001 is a prerequisite for most French linguistics courses. Elective credits may not include FREN 3705, 3706, 3710, 3750, or 3019.

Take 15 or more credit(s) from the following:

- FREN 3xxx
- FREN 4xxx
- FREN 5xxx

Senior Project

Students design substantial research project on topic of their choice in French and Francophone studies (linguistics, literature, culture). Topic must be approved by instructor, and written in consultation with instructor and appropriate department faculty members. French majors who complete the requirements for another CLA major (including senior paper) are not required to take FREN 4101W, and must substitute 3 cr in advanced FREN electives numbering 3111 or above for FREN 4101W.

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

Program Sub-plans

A sub-plan is not required for this program.

Honors UHP

This is an honors sub-plan.

Students admitted to the University Honors Program (UHP) must fulfill UHP requirements in addition to degree program requirements. Honors courses used to fulfill degree program requirements will also fulfill UHP requirements.

Current departmental honors course offerings are listed at:

http://www.honors.umn.edu/academics/curriculum/dept_courses_current.html

Honors students complete an honors thesis project in the final year, most often in conjunction with an honors thesis course, or with an honors directed studies or honors directed research course. Students select honors courses and plan for a thesis project in consultation with their UHP adviser and their departmental faculty adviser.