Morris Campus

French Minor

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- Program Type: Undergraduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2019
- Required credits in this minor: 27

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.

Program Student Learning Outcomes
The French curriculum is designed to ensure that students:
Develop reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in French;
Refine intercultural and problem-solving skills;
Expand research and career opportunities in a global and interconnected world;
Discover the traditions, literatures, arts, and histories of French-speaking peoples;
Explore the contributions of French-speaking peoples to education, the humanities, social sciences and/or STEM fields;
Engage in research in French;
Prepare for a career serving French-speaking people in the United States and abroad in the sciences, commerce, diplomacy, economic development, healthcare, teaching or community outreach.

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 16 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 four 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 may request 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.

Minor Requirements

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

At least 50 percent of French minor credits, including at least four upper division credits, must be completed on the Morris campus (14 or more credits). Morris courses, study abroad, or domestic transfer credit may comprise the remaining credits for the minor.

Students must procure prior approval from the French Discipline in order for transfer credit, including study abroad, to be applied to the French minor. Credits completed under the European Credit Transfer System will be converted to United States credits according to internationally recognized standards (i.e. 1 ECTS credit = .5 U.S. credit).

Required Courses
FREN 3002 - MEMS: Civilization and Composition: Tools for Studying the Medieval and Early Modern Periods [HIST] (2.0 cr)

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FREN 3003 - Modern Studies: Civilization and Composition: France Since the Enlightenment [HIST] (2.0 cr)
FREN 3004 - Francophone Studies: Civilization and Composition: Colonialism and Francophone Worlds [HIST] (2.0 cr)
FREN 3011W - Introduction to French and Francophone Literature [HUM] (4.0 cr)
HUM 1305 - Career Preparation in World Languages (2.0 cr)

Elective Courses

Selection of electives must be done in consultation with a French faculty member. Electives should ensure that there is variety and depth in the minor.

Take 16 or more credit(s) from the following:

- FREN 2xxx
- FREN 3xxx

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