



Morris Campus

French B.A.

Division of Humanities - Adm

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- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2020
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 33 to 41
- 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 analytical 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 their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills in French;
- Refine their 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.

General Requirements

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

Program Requirements

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

French majors must complete a significant amount of coursework at Morris and are also strongly encouraged to study abroad.

At least 50 percent of French major credits, including one-half of required upper division credits, must be completed on the Morris campus (21 or more credits). Morris courses, study abroad, or domestic transfer credit may comprise the remaining credits for the major.

Students must procure prior approval from the French Discipline in order for transfer credit, including study abroad, to be applied to the French major. 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).

Students who place into FREN 3002/3003/3004 must complete 33 credits for the major. Students who place into FREN 2001 must complete 41 credits for the major.

Up to four credits taught in English (such as FREN 1031, 1302, 1303, or 1311) may count towards the French major if students complete written work for the class in French.

The French Discipline strongly encourages French majors to complete one year of study in an additional world language.

No grades below C- may count toward the French major. Courses may not be taken S-N unless offered S-N only. A minimum GPA of 2.000 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

The final capstone presentation (Fren 4902) must be given in French

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

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

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

[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)

[FREN 4902](#) - French Capstone Project (2.0 cr)

[HUM 1305](#) - Career Preparation in World Languages (2.0 cr)

Medieval and Early Modern Studies (MEMS), Modern Studies (MOS), Francophone Studies (FRS)

Students who study abroad may satisfy the MEMS, MOS, FRS requirements with three credits in the area of study (rather than four credits as prescribed below). Students who satisfy any of these requirement with three credits must still satisfy the total credits for the major.

Medieval and Early Modern Studies (MEMS)

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

•[FREN 3406](#) - Medieval and Early Modern Studies: Emotional Extremes in Medieval and Early Modern Literature (4.0 cr)

•[FREN 3407](#) - Medieval and Early Modern Studies: The "East" and its Marvels (2.0 - 4.0 cr)

•[FREN 3408](#) - Medieval and Early Modern Studies: Quests, Quails, and Custards--Food in Life and Literature (2.0 - 4.0 cr)

•[FREN 3409](#) *(Inactive)* (2.0 - 4.0 cr)

•[FREN 3411](#) - Medieval and Early Modern Studies: Medieval and Renaissance Bodies (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 1303](#) *(Inactive)* [IP] (2.0 cr)

•[FREN 3501](#) - Modern Studies: The Old Regime and New Ideas: The French Enlightenment (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 3505](#) *(Inactive)* (4.0 cr)

•[FREN 3507](#) - Modern Studies: French for Sustainability [ENVT] (2.0 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 3603](#) - Francophone Studies: Witches, Wilderness, and Words in African Folktales (4.0 cr)



- FREN 3604 *(Inactive)*(4.0 cr)
- FREN 3605 - Francophone Studies: Maghrebien Cinema (4.0 cr)
- FREN 3606 - Francophone Studies: Sub-Saharan Francophone Cinema (4.0 cr)
- FREN 3607 - Francophone Studies: Sex and Gender in Francophone Literature and Film (4.0 cr)

Elective Courses

Students must complete additional elective credits in French to reach 41 credits in the French major if beginning at 2001 at UMM, or 33 credits if beginning at 3002/3003/3004 at UMM. Of these credits, up to 4 credits may come from FREN 1031, FREN 1302, FREN 1303, FREN 1311, and up to another 4 credits may come from FREN 2012, FREN 2013 and FREN 2014.

Electives can be chosen from the cluster courses above (exclusive of those used to meet the required courses) or the following:

Electives - Advanced Language Studies (ASL)

These courses analyze the structure and usage of French language in detail and on an advanced level.

Take 0 - 8 credit(s) from the following:

- FREN 3112 - Advanced Language Studies: Introduction to French Phonetics (2.0 - 4.0 cr)
- FREN 3113 - Advanced Language Studies: Introduction to Translation (2.0 - 4.0 cr)
- FREN 3114 - Advanced Language Studies: Advanced French Grammar (2.0 - 4.0 cr)

Electives - MEMS/MOS/FRS

Take at most 4 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 1303 *(Inactive)*[IP] (2.0 cr)
- FREN 1311 - Sub-Saharan Francophone Cinema [IP] (4.0 cr)

Electives - Explorations

Take at most 4 credit(s) from the following:

- FREN 2012 *(Inactive)*(1.0 cr)
- FREN 2013 *(Inactive)*(1.0 cr)
- FREN 2014 *(Inactive)*(1.0 cr)