

French

Department: Modern Languages

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Major: French

Minor: French

The challenges of today's world require men and women educated within a multilingual and multicultural perspective. The department of modern languages is dedicated to meeting those challenges by offering programs that open career opportunities in journalism, international business, law, Foreign Service, social and medical services, tourism, and teaching.

The department offers majors and minors in French and Spanish. The possibility of pursuing an individualized minor in language studies or other related areas can be investigated through the individualized minor program.

One semester of a modern foreign language at the 210 course level or higher will satisfy the international exploratory requirement. One semester of a modern language at the 211 course level will satisfy the comparative perspectives exploratory requirement.

Advanced Placement

Students who upon matriculation do not demonstrate proficiency equivalent to satisfactory completion of a Franklin College foreign language course numbered 111 or higher or the equivalent at another institution must complete such a course prior to graduation. If a student takes the French or Spanish placement test and places above the first-semester level, the student is eligible to receive credits for the courses below the level into which they placed, provided they successfully complete with a grade of C- or above, at Franklin College, the course into which they placed. Students may earn up to 12 hours for French or Spanish placement. Example: Students who place into the 300 level of French will receive 12 credit hours for FRE 111, 210 and 211 upon the successful completion of a 300-level course by earning a grade of C- or better. Students who place into the 200 level of French will receive eight credit hours for FRE 110 and 111 upon the successful completion of a 200-level course by earning a grade of C- or better. Credits for FRE 210 and 211 count toward the French major and minor and toward the 120 credit hours required for graduation. Advanced Placement credit for FRE 210 will fulfill the International exploratory, and Advanced Placement credit for FRE 211 will fulfill the Comparative Perspectives exploratory. Credits for FRE 110 and FRE 111 only apply toward the 120 credit hours needed for graduation.

Note: Students must receive a grade of C- or better in a class in order to continue to the next level.

French Major

The minimum requirement for a modern language major is 28 semester hours, numbered above 111. Students must take **at least one** literature course and must receive a grade of C- or better in all 28 semester hours. The courses chosen by the student for the related field requirement must have department approval.

A **maximum of 8 hours** of transfer credit, AP credit, and/or advance-placement credit can be applied to the 28 hours of coursework at the 200-level or above required for the French major. In order to complete the French major, students must therefore complete **at least 20 credit hours** of French coursework at the 200-level or above at Franklin College, including a literature or culture class.

A French major completing a semester or more of approved study abroad can apply up to 8 additional credit hours as determined by the department toward the total 28 credit hours required for the major.

Minimum of 28 credit hours from the following courses

Must include at least one literature course

- FRE 210** Intermediate French I
- FRE 211** Intermediate French II
- FRE 300** Topics in French
- FRE 314** Career French
- FRE 315** Advanced Writing and Grammar
- FRE 331** French Civilization
- FRE 332** Masterpieces of French Literature
- FRE 334** Francophone Culture
- FRE 337** The Nineteenth-Century Novel
- FRE 340** Francophone Canadian Literature

All of the following courses

- FRE 498** Portfolio
- FRE 499** Senior Essay
- PDP 200** Preparing for Your Internship
- SNR/SNT 489 (FRE)** Senior Year Internship/Project

Related Field

12 credit hours – courses chosen must have department approval and be submitted to the Academic Records Office. All related field courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better.

French Minor

A **maximum of 8 hours** of transfer credit, AP credit, advance-placement credit, and/or study-abroad credit can be applied to the 20 hours of coursework at the 200-level or above required for the French minor. In order to complete the French minor, students must therefore complete **at least 12 credit hours** of French coursework at the 200-level or above at Franklin College, including a literature or culture class.

Required Courses

FRE 210 Intermediate French I

FRE 211 Intermediate French II

FRE 314 Career French

FRE 315 Advanced Writing and Grammar

One of the following courses

FRE 300 Topics in French

FRE 331 French Civilization

FRE 332 Masterpieces of French Literature

FRE 334 Francophone Culture

FRE 337 The Nineteenth-Century Novel

FRE 340 Francophone Canadian Literature

French Course Descriptions

FRE 110 Elementary French I		4 credit hours
Fall		

Designed to introduce students to basic French grammar and conversation so that they may develop skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing French. Emphasis on Francophone culture.

FRE 111 Elementary French II		4 credit hours
Spring		Prereq: grade of C- or better in FRE 110 or equivalent

Continuation of French I.

FRE 210 Intermediate French I		4 credit hours
Fall	International exploratory	Prereq: grade of C- or better in FRE 111 or equivalent

A continuation of FRE 110 and 111. Reading and discussion of short works and articles for comprehension of ideas and study of intermediate grammar.

FRE 211 Intermediate French II		4 credit hours
Spring	Comparative Perspectives exploratory	Prereq: grade of C- or better in FRE 210 or equivalent

Discussion of readings in French literature, and civilization and continued study of grammar. Strongly recommended by the department as part of a related field for students whose major is the humanities and who plan to pursue graduate study.

FRE 300 Topics in French		4 credit hours
		Prereq: grade of C- or better in FRE 211 or equivalent

A topic of current interest in French will be taught. Topics will vary depending on faculty interest. Course will be offered upon the request of a faculty member and with approval of the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

FRE 314 Career French		4 credit hours
Spring		Prereq: grade of C- or better in FRE 211 or equivalent

A basic introduction to French as used in such career fields as journalism, business, medicine, law, and social work. Emphasis is on conversation and the development of oral and written skills through the study of advanced grammar.

FRE 315 Advanced Writing and Grammar		4 credit hours
Fall		Prereq: grade of C- or better in FRE 211 or equivalent

Discussion of journalistic and cultural readings as models for students' writing will be combined with continued study of advanced grammar. Emphasis will be on writing skills.

FRE 331 French Civilization		4 credit hours
Fall, even academic years		Prereq: Successful completion of FRE 314 and FRE 315, or consent of instructor

An in-depth study of all aspects of French civilization with an emphasis on the intellectual and cultural achievements in France and French-speaking countries. From 1871 to the present, the stress is on the movement of ideas and social changes through the two World Wars and the Fifth Republic.

FRE 332 Masterpieces of French Literature		4 credit hours
Spring, even academic years		Prereq: Successful completion of FRE 314 and FRE 315, or consent of instructor

Readings, lectures, and discussions in French of representative masterpieces of French literature from its origins to the present day.

FRE 334 Francophone Culture		4 credit hours
Fall, odd academic years		Prereq: Successful completion of FRE 314 & FRE 315, or consent of instructor

This course is designed to broaden student's cultural knowledge of the francophone world. Students will study the history of different French-speaking areas, in particular Africa, the Antilles, and North America. The study of literary and cultural texts along with art and music will allow students to further develop their understanding of the cultures studied. This course provides students with a broader cultural dimension to raise their consciousness of intercultural perspectives. This course can satisfy the literature requirement for French majors and minors.

FRE 337 The Nineteenth-Century Novel		4 credit hours
Offered on sufficient demand		Prereq: Successful completion of FRE 314 & FRE 315, or consent of instructor

In-depth study of the French novel in this productive century. Reading and discussion of representative works from Romanticism through Naturalism.

FRE 340 Francophone Canadian Literature		4 credit hours
Spring, odd academic years		Prereq: Successful completion of FRE 314 & FRE 315, or consent of instructor

A literary analysis of representative works by Quebec and other Francophone authors from the colonial period to the present. Taught in French.

FRE 482 French Practicum		1-2 credit hours

A supervised, pre-approved experience which allows a student to pursue specific learning goals and/or be involved in a field experience during the regular academic semester.

FRE 490 Independent Study		1-2 credit hours
		Prereq: Departmental consent is required

This course is designed to encourage student initiative and to provide a degree of flexibility in the departmental program. Normally the subject is not sufficiently or appropriately covered in departmental course offerings. The course will include directed reading and discussion of French culture, language, and literature. A final exam or paper is required.

FRE 498 Portfolio		No credit

Students will save all components leading to their senior essay required in FRE 499; research, drafts, final copy. Contents may also include assignments and projects of the student's choosing from other coursework. The portfolio is completed with assignments related to leadership and professional development from the PDP 200 course.

FRE 499 Senior Essay	No credit

Students will be required to research, write, and revise an essay on a topic relating to their course work at Franklin College. The topic must be approved by the modern languages department. Students will be required to present their essay at a session open to the college community. Students must receive a grade of C- or better in order to pass.

LAN 120 Language Study	1-4 credit hours

Upon occasion, when qualified instructors are available and student demand is sufficient, courses in languages other than French or Spanish may be offered as approved by the Vice President of Academic Affairs. These courses will apply as elective credit toward graduation requirements. Courses offered at the intermediate level or above will meet the international exploratory requirement.

LAN 300 Topics in Language	3 credit hours
	International or Civic Learning exploratory (pending topic approval)

A topic of current interest in language, other than French or Spanish, will be taught. Topics will vary depending on faculty interest. Course will be offered upon the request of a faculty member and with approval of the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Depending on the topic and/or level of the course, LAN course may satisfy the international or civic learning exploratory requirement.

SNR/SNT 489 (FRE) Senior Year Internship/Project	1 credit hour
	Prereq: instructor permission

A one-credit-hour practicum that is set up with help from the Modern Languages Department. Possibilities include, but are not limited to: working in French for a local business and helping with language programs at area schools. Students may not apply this one credit towards the 28-hours required for a major in French.