

# French, BA

## Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in French requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including 33-37 s.h. of work for the major. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core. Furthering Language Incentive Program (FLIP) credit may not be counted toward the major.

The French Language and Culture Advanced Placement (AP) exam with a score of 4 or higher is considered to be the equivalent to FREN:3000 Third-Year French.

Students majoring in French complete a set of four foundation courses plus the requirements for one of four tracks: French and Arabic, language, literature and culture, or teaching.

The BA with a major in French requires the following coursework.

Requirements	Hours
Foundation Courses	12
Track Courses	21-25

## Foundation Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
FREN:3060	Introduction to Reading and Writing in Literature	3
FREN:3300	French Grammar	3
FREN:4020	Oral Expression in French II	3
One of these:		
FREN:3007	French Phonetics	3
FREN:3020	Oral Expression in French I	3

Students must maintain portfolios documenting their progress toward attaining the objectives of the French major.

A maximum of one course taught in English may be counted toward the major, except with the French and Arabic track; courses taught in English with an additional semester hour in French are exempt from this rule. Students should consult with their advisors before registering.

Transfer credit may be accepted, and students are encouraged to participate in study abroad, but the last two courses in the major ordinarily must be completed at the University of Iowa. Transfer credit is evaluated on an individual basis by the faculty in charge of study abroad.

Students choose an emphasis in one of the following four tracks when they declare the major (or later, but before their fourth year).

## Tracks

### French and Arabic Track

The French and Arabic track is designed for students interested in combining study of the French and Arabic languages with history, politics, and religions of Middle Eastern cultures and with a major in another area, such as political science, geography, or history.

Requirements for the French and Arabic track include seven or eight courses (25 s.h.) in addition to the foundation coursework in French. Refer to "Language Courses" and "Literature and Culture Courses" below for French courses that will satisfy that requirement.

Course #	Title	Hours
Three courses in French language, or literature and culture, taught in French, with at least one numbered above 4000		9
Two or three courses in Arabic language beyond first year		10
Two courses on Middle Eastern cultures (prefix FREN or ARAB), taught in French, Arabic, or English, or approved courses from other departments		6

## Language Track

The language track is designed for students with an interest in language and translation, as well as French and Francophone literature and culture. Students work in specific areas such as international business, comparative stylistics, and translation.

Requirements for the language track include seven courses (21 s.h.) in addition to the foundation coursework in French. Refer to "Language Courses" and "Literature and Culture Courses" below for French courses that will satisfy that requirement.

Course #	Title	Hours
FREN:3410	Business French	3
FREN:4007	Topics in French Linguistics	3
Five courses in French language, or literature and culture		15

All language track students take FREN:3410 Business French and FREN:4007 Topics in French Linguistics. Of the remaining five courses, only one may be taught in English under the French department (prefix FREN). This restriction does not apply to courses taught in English with an additional semester hour in French. Students must complete at least one course numbered above 4000 in addition to the required course FREN:4007.

Courses in French stylistics and textual analysis, another language, economics, political science, and/or business are recommended as adjunct electives.

## Literature and Culture Track

The literature and culture track is designed for students who are interested in combining study of French and Francophone literatures and cultures with a major in another area, such as cinema, communication studies, history, international studies, political science, or journalism.

Requirements for the literature and culture track include seven courses (21 s.h.) in addition to the foundation coursework in French. Refer to "Language Courses" and "Literature and Culture Courses" below for French courses that will satisfy that requirement.

Course #	Title	Hours
Five courses in literature and culture		15
Two courses in French language, or literature and culture		6

Only one of these courses may be taught in English under the French department (prefix FREN). This restriction does not apply to courses taught in English with an additional semester

hour in French. At least two courses must be numbered above 4000.

## Teaching Track

The teaching track is designed for students who intend to earn licensure to teach in elementary and/or secondary schools. Students must successfully complete the requirements for the major in French with the teaching track and must complete the College of Education's Teacher Education Program (TEP), which requires education courses and student teaching (see "Teacher Licensure" below).

Requirements for the French major's teaching track include seven courses (21 s.h.) in addition to the foundation coursework in French. Refer to "Language Courses" and "Literature and Culture Courses" below for French courses that will satisfy that requirement.

Course #	Title	Hours
Four courses in literature and culture		12
Three courses from these areas: French language, or literature and culture		9

Only one of these courses may be taught in English under the French department (prefix FREN). This restriction does not apply to courses taught in English with an additional semester hour in French. At least two courses must be numbered above 4000.

## Language Courses

Students can select courses from the following to satisfy track requirements for language. All courses are taught in French unless otherwise indicated.

Course #	Title	Hours
FREN:3000	Third-Year French	3
FREN:3007	French Phonetics	3
FREN:3240	Media French	3
FREN:3360	Study Abroad: Language	3
FREN:3410	Business French	3
FREN:4007	Topics in French Linguistics	3
FREN:4070	Introduction to the Study of Meaning (taught in English)	3

## Literature and Culture Courses

Students can select courses from the following to satisfy track requirements for literature and culture. All courses are taught in French unless otherwise indicated.

Course #	Title	Hours
FREN:3000	Third-Year French	3
FREN:3120	French Civilization	3
FREN:3130	Francophone Cultures	3
FREN:3160	Study Abroad: Culture	3
FREN:3232	French Literary Translation Workshop	3
FREN:3240	Media French	3
FREN:3250	Topics in French Studies I	3
FREN:4015	Francophone Cinema (taught in English)	3-4
FREN:4017	Global Comics (taught in English)	3-4
FREN:4026	French Women Writers (taught in English)	3-4

FREN:4080	Post-Colonial Literature in France	3
FREN:4090	Quebec Literature	3
FREN:4100	French Cinema (taught in English)	3-4
FREN:4110	Francophone Studies: Literature and the Arts	3
FREN:4210	Slavery Museums, Memorials, and Statues in the United States, Europe, and the Global South (taught in English)	3-4
FREN:4433	France Under Nazi Occupation, 1940-1944 (taught in English)	3-4
FREN:4520	Versailles Under the Sun King (taught in English)	3-4
FREN:4540	Gender and Sexuality in French Cinema (taught in English)	3-4
FREN:4750	Topics in French Studies II	3

## Teacher Licensure

Students interested in teaching in elementary and/or secondary schools should seek admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in the College of Education.

To qualify for licensure in secondary teaching, students in the TEP complete a degree in education as well as a related College of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree. See Apply on the College of Education website for details on requirements and deadlines for applying to the College of Education and about TEP choices of majors leading to licensure.

Majors who want to earn teacher licensure should choose the French teaching track. See "Teaching Track" above.