French, Minor

Requirements

The undergraduate minor in French requires a minimum of 15 s.h., including 12 s.h. earned in courses considered advanced for the minor; 9 s.h. of the 12 s.h. in advanced courses must be taken at the University of Iowa in courses numbered 3000 or above (prefix FREN). Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all courses for the minor and in all UI courses for the minor. Coursework in the minor may not be taken pass/nonpass. All courses for the minor must be taught in French. Furthering Language Incentive Program (FLIP) credit may not be counted toward the minor.

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.

Credit from the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) programs in Pau and Lyon, France, and the Study in Montpellier program in France counts as University of Iowa credit for the minor; 6 s.h. earned in other study abroad programs may be counted toward the minor.

Those who plan to use their work toward a minor in French as academic background for earning teacher licensure should contact the Office of Student Services in the College of Education about requirements.

Academic Plans

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course Title Hours

First Year
Fall
FREN:1001 Elementary French I a, b 4 - 5
Spring
FREN:1002 Elementary French II a, b 4 - 5

Second Year
Fall
FREN:2001 Intermediate French I a, b 5
Spring
FREN:2002 Intermediate French II b, c 5

Third Year
Fall
Minor: advanced French course (prefix FREN, numbered 3000 or above) 3
Spring
Minor: advanced French course (prefix FREN, numbered 3000 or above) 3

Fourth Year
Fall
Minor: advanced French course (prefix FREN, numbered 3000 or above) 3
Spring
Minor: advanced French course (prefix FREN, numbered 3000 or above) 3

Total Hours 30-32

a This course is a prerequisite for the required minor courses.
b Language level placement will be determined by placement exam score and/or oral interview. Students who place into the 5th semester level of the language will begin coursework at that level and will not be required to take semesters 1-4 of the language.
c Students may also take a French elective course.