French, B.A.

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the University’s Four-Year Graduation Plan.

Before the third semester begins: competence in first-year French.


Before the seventh semester begins: three of the four requirements for the major, FREN:3007 French Phonetics or FREN:3020 Oral Expression in French I, FREN:3060 Introduction to Reading and Writing in Literature, FREN:3300 French Grammar, one or two other courses in the major, and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: FREN:4020 Oral Expression in French II and three more courses in the major; for the French language track, FREN:3410 Business French and FREN:4007 Topics in French Linguistics.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

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.

French, B.A.

Course Title Hours
Academic Career
Any Semester
A maximum of one course taught in English may be counted toward the major, except in the French and Arabic track. 
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability

First Year
Fall
FREN:1001 Elementary French I 5
RHET:1030 Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture
Elective course
CSI:1600 Success at Iowa 2

Spring
FREN:1002 Elementary French II 5
RHET:1030 Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives

Second Year
Fall
FREN:2001 Intermediate French I 5
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning 3
Elective course
Elective course

Spring
FREN:2002 Intermediate French II 5
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab 4
Elective course
Elective course

Third Year
Fall
FREN:3020 or FREN:3007 Oral Expression in French I or French Phonetics 3
FREN:3060 Introduction to Reading and Writing in Literature 3
FREN:3300 French Grammar 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab 3
Elective course

Spring
FREN:4020 Oral Expression in French II 3
Major: French track course 3 - 4
Major: French track course 3 - 4
Elective course
Elective course
Elective course

Fourth Year
Fall
Major: French track course 3 - 4
Major: French track course 3 - 4
Major: French track course (if needed) 3 - 4
Elective course
Elective course

Spring
Major: French track course 3 - 4
Major: French track course 3 - 4
Major: French track course (if needed) 3 - 4
GE: Social Sciences
Elective course 3

Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

Hours
15-18
15-18
16-18
15-18
15-18
15-18
121-131
a Courses taught in English with an additional semester hour in French are exempt from this rule. Students should consult with their advisors before registering.
b Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.
c FREN:1001, FREN:1002, FREN:2001, and FREN:2002 do not count for credit toward the major. 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 major level coursework and not be required to take semesters 1-4 of the language.
d Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.
e GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.
f Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
g Students complete 21-25 s.h. in track courses. Required coursework varies by track.
h Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.