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.

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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
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030 The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture 3
Elective course 1
CSI:1600 Success at Iowa 2

Hours 14-15

Spring

FREN:1002 Elementary French II 5
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030 The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion 3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives 3

Total Hours 121-131

Second Year

Fall

FREN:2001 Intermediate French I 5
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts 3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 1

Hours 15

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 3
Elective course 1

Hours 16

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 3

Hours 15

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 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 1

Hours 15-18

Spring

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

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

Total Hours 15-18
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.