

# 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. 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 majoring in French complete a set of five foundation courses plus the requirements for one of two tracks: French and Arabic [p. 1] or Language, Literature, and Culture [p. 1]. Students choose a track when they declare the major (or later, but before their fourth year). The French and Arabic track is designed for students interested in combining the 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. The language, literature, and culture track is designed for students with interests in language and translation, in French and Francophone literary and cultural expression, and for those with interdisciplinary interests in cinema, communication studies, history, international studies, political science, or journalism.

The BA with a major in French requires the following coursework. Students must maintain portfolios documenting their progress toward attaining the objectives of the French major.

Requirements	Hours
Foundation Courses	15
Track Courses	18-22

## Foundation Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
FREN:3060	Introduction to Reading and Writing in Literature	3
FREN:3300	French Grammar	3
FREN:4007	Topics in French Linguistics	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

## Tracks

### French and Arabic Track

Requirements for the French and Arabic track include six to seven courses (22 s.h.) in addition to the foundation coursework in French. Refer to the course list under "Language, Literature, and Culture Track" for French courses

that will satisfy that requirement, or to the following list for additional courses that will satisfy that requirement.

Course #	Title	Hours
Two courses in French language, literature, and culture, taught in French, with at least one numbered above 4000		6
Two to 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, such as:		6
ARAB:2006	Transnational Solidarities	3-4
ARAB:2012	Modern Palestinian Literature and Culture	3

### Language, Literature, and Culture Track

Requirements for the language, literature, and culture track include six courses (typically 18 s.h.), at least two of which must be numbered above 4000, in addition to the foundation coursework in French. Only one of the track 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.

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

Students who intend to earn licensure to teach in elementary and/or secondary schools must also complete the College of Education's Teacher Education Program (TEP), which requires education courses and student teaching (see the section titled "Teacher Licensure" that follows).

Course #	Title	Hours
Six of these, with at least two numbered above 4000:		
FREN:3000	Third-Year French	3
FREN:3007	French Phonetics (if not taken as a foundation course)	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:3360	Study Abroad: Language	3
FREN:3410	Business French	3
FREN:4015	Francophone Cinema (taught in English)	3-4
FREN:4026	French Women Writers (taught in English)	3-4
FREN:4070	Introduction to the Study of Meaning (taught in English)	3
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.