## 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.

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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.

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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.

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Five courses in French language, or literature and culture

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 |
---------|--------------------------------------------|-------|
FREN:3000 | Third-Year French                          | 3     |
FREN:3007 | French Phonetics                           | 3     |
FREN:3240 | Media French                               | 3     |
FREN:3250 | Topics in French Studies I                 | 3     |
FREN:3260 | Study Abroad: Language                     | 3     |
FREN:3270 | Business French                            | 3     |
FREN:3280 | Introduction to the Study of Meaning (taught in English) | 3 |

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.