French and Italian

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Undergraduate majors: French (BA); Italian (BA)
Undergraduate minors: Arabic studies; French; Italian
Graduate degrees: MA in French and Francophone world studies; PhD in French and Francophone world studies

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Website: https://french-italian.uiowa.edu/

The Department of French and Italian introduces students to the cultures of France, the Francophone world, Italy, and parts of the Middle East and Africa, providing an understanding of those countries’ historical and contemporary importance. It also facilitates development of proficiency in the French, Italian, Arabic, and Swahili languages and fosters critical appreciation of French, Francophone, Italian, and Arabic literatures and cultures.

Faculty expertise enables the department to offer courses in the traditionally recognized historical periods of French literature, various literary genres, and critical theories as well as the Francophone literatures of Canada, North and Sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean, and the Indian Ocean. The department has particular strengths in interdisciplinary studies, notably in the areas of comparative arts, film studies, history, and second language acquisition.

Undergraduate students in all majors may satisfy the World Languages requirement of the GE CLAS Core with courses in Arabic, French, Italian, or Swahili; see “Language for GE CLAS Core” below. The department offers other GE CLAS Core courses, and entering students may take the department’s First-Year Seminars.

Undergraduate students in all majors may satisfy the World Languages requirement with Arabic should complete the following course sequence.

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French

Students who have a background in French should take the online placement test, which helps determine the level at which a student could begin French language study at the University of Iowa. Students without background in French should begin with FREN:1001 Elementary French I.

Undergraduate students in all majors may satisfy the World Languages requirement with French should complete the following course sequence.

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Italian

Students who have a background in Italian should take the online placement test. Placement cutoff scores are advisory.

Students who wish to fulfill the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement with Italian should complete the following course sequence.

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Those with strong language-learning abilities or background in another Romance language may be able to substitute
ITAL:1103 Intensive Elementary Italian for ITAL:1101
Elementary Italian I and ITAL:1102 Elementary Italian II and
fulfill the World Languages requirement with this sequence.

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Swahili
The department is the administrative home for Swahili
courses. Students may fulfill the GE CLAS Core World
Languages requirement by taking the following four-semester
sequence. Students who have a background in Swahili should
contact the general education coordinator to determine the
level at which they should begin Swahili language study at the
University of Iowa.

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Study Abroad
The department participates in several study abroad
programs. Some of them are the University Study Abroad
Consortium (USAC) French Studies in Pau and Lyon; University
of Minnesota/Paul Valery University Study Abroad in
Montpellier; and the Committee on Institutional Cooperation
(CIC) Summer French Program in Quebec at the Université
Laval. For information about these and other programs
abroad, contact International Programs Study Abroad and use
its programs search; or see Study Abroad (University College)
in the catalog.