

French, BA

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in French requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including 33-35 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 must also 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 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 must ordinarily be completed at the University of Iowa. Transfer credit is evaluated on an individual basis by the faculty in charge of study abroad.

In planning coursework, students should be guided by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences maximum hours rule: students earning a BA may apply a maximum of 56 s.h. earned in one department to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation, whether or not the coursework is accepted toward requirements for the major; students who earn more than 56 s.h. from one department may use the additional semester hours to satisfy requirements for the major (if the department accepts them), and the grades they earn become part of their grade-point average, but they cannot apply the additional semester hours to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation.

Students who are earning two majors from the same department or a major and a minor from the same department may apply more than 56 s.h. from their home department toward their degree, but they must earn at least 56 s.h. of credit in courses outside their home department in order to graduate.

The French major 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.

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).

The BA in French requires the following coursework for students who place into FREN:2001.

Requirements	Hours
Intermediate Language Courses	8
Foundation Courses	12
Elective Courses	15

Students who place into FREN:2002 are required to take an additional 3 s.h. elective numbered 3000-4999, but will only complete 4 s.h. in intermediate language courses for a total of 34 s.h. for the major. Students who place above FREN:2002 complete an additional 6 s.h. in elective courses numbered 3000-4999 in lieu of the intermediate language courses for a total of 33 s.h. for the major.

Intermediate Language Courses

If students place out of FREN:2001 or FREN:2002, they must take an additional 3 s.h. course numbered 3000-4999 from the electives list; see the section "Elective Courses" that follows. Students who place out of both courses must take two additional electives numbered 3000-4999.

Course #	Title	Hours
Both of these:		
FREN:2001	Intermediate French I	4
FREN:2002	Intermediate French II	4

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

Elective Courses

Students complete at least five elective courses (15-20 s.h.) with prefix FREN numbered 3000-4999; at least two of the courses (minimum 6 s.h.) must be taken in courses numbered 4000 or above. One course numbered below 3000 may also count toward the elective requirement if it is numbered 1005-1699, 1901-2009, or 2501-2999.

Students who initially place above FREN:2001 complete additional elective courses; see the preceding section titled "Intermediate Language Courses" for more information.

A maximum of one course numbered 3000-4999 may be taught in English; this restriction does not apply to courses taught in English with an additional semester hour in French. See the following section titled "Courses Taught in English" for more information.

Courses in French stylistics and textual analysis, another language, economics, political science, and/or business are recommended as additional coursework outside the major.

Courses Taught in English

A maximum of two courses taught in English may apply to the French major: one course numbered below 3000 and one course numbered 3000-4999. Courses in the following list do not count against the limit on courses taught in English when taken with a fourth semester hour in French, if available.

Course #	Title	Hours
FREN:1005	Texts and Contexts: French-Speaking World	3
FREN:1006	Global Sports and National Cultures	3
FREN:1007	Nature/Ecology French Philosophy and Fiction	3
FREN:1500	Trip to Belgium, France, and Switzerland	3
FREN:1510	Cultural Misunderstandings: France and U.S.A.	3
FREN:3470	France From 1789 to Present	3
FREN:4015	Francophone Cinema	3-4
FREN:4026	French Women Writers	3-4

FREN:4070	Introduction to the Study of Meaning	3
FREN:4100	French Cinema	3-4
FREN:4210	Slavery Museums, Memorials, and Statues in the United States, Europe, and the Global South	3-4
FREN:4433	France Under Nazi Occupation, 1940-1944	3-4
FREN:4540	Gender and Sexuality in French Cinema	3-4

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.