
French

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Offered by the Department of European Studies

Master of Arts degree in French.

Major in French with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Major in European studies, with emphasis in French.

See European Studies.

Major in international business, with emphasis in French.

See International Business.

Minor in French.

The Major

A student who majors in French learns to speak the language, to read French literature in its original form, and to interact with members of an important cultural community. The French major can help prepare a student for a career in education, business, or the arts.

Students generally choose to major in French in order to enrich their lives rather than to train for a career, but many employers recognize the value of a well-rounded liberal arts education. The increasing involvement of the United States in international business has created new opportunities for people interested in international management. Employers look for knowledge of a foreign country's culture and language together with training in economics or business. A major in French combines effectively with a second major or minor in business, economics, political science, the humanities, or another language area study.

A significant number of French majors choose a career in teaching. Recent studies indicate that the demand for qualified teachers is rising. With a secondary teaching credential, one can teach at the high school level or pursue more advanced study in preparation for a university career, either in French or in related subjects such as linguistics or comparative literature.

Students majoring in French are strongly encouraged to participate in CSU-IP (California State University International Programs) and other approved study abroad programs in French-speaking countries, such as the SDSU semester in Paris.

Advising

All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs Web site was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

French Major

**With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 11021)**

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements." No more than 49 units in French courses can apply to the degree.

Students majoring in French must complete a minor in another field to be approved by the departmental adviser in French.

Preparation for the Major. French 100A, 100B, 201, 210, 220, and 221. (22 units) Recommended: History 105, 106.

Language Requirement. The language requirement is automatically fulfilled through coursework for preparation for the major.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See page 81 in "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

International Experience Requirement. All French majors are required to complete an approved study abroad program in a French-speaking country consisting of a minimum of six units (90 hours). However, French majors are strongly encouraged to complete a more extensive abroad experience by participating in a semester or an academic year program. To fulfill the International Experience Requirement, French majors must enroll in a study abroad program approved by the department. Unapproved study abroad programs will not meet the international experience requirement for the major.

Major. A minimum of 27 upper division units in French to include French 301, 302, 305A, 305B, and 15 upper division electives in French to include at least one 500-level course. No more than one 400-level French course taught in English may be applied to the major.

French Minor

The minor in French consists of a minimum of 15 units taught in French, nine units of which must be in upper division French courses. Any course taught in English needs department approval to apply to the minor requirements.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

Interdisciplinary Studies in Three Departments

Students selecting French as one of their departments in this major must complete all lower division preparation for the major or equivalent competency, and choose from among French 301, 305A, 305B, 421 and 422.

Language Requirement for the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Students electing the study of French to fulfill the language requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal arts and sciences must successfully complete French 201 or 210 or the equivalent level of competency. The usual sequence of coursework is

French 100A, 100B, 201, 210, 220, and 221. Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements" for additional ways to satisfy competency.

High School Equivalents

High school foreign language courses may be used for purposes of placement in college courses and may be counted toward meeting the language requirement in various majors. These high school courses will not count as college credit toward graduation.

Secondary school language courses can be used as follows:

1. The first **two years** of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first semester of a college level course, although students with fewer than three years of high school level language may complete the first semester college course for graduation credit.

2. The first **three years** of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first two college semesters, although students with fewer than four years of high school level language may complete the second semester college course for graduation credit. Students who have completed three years of foreign language in high school will not receive credit for the first semester college course unless at least five years separate the last high school course and the first college course.

3. **Four years** of high school level language count as the equivalent of three college semesters or five college quarters, thus fulfilling the language requirement.

Courses (FREN)

Refer to *Courses and Curricula* and *University Policies* sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

Native speakers of French will not receive credit for taking lower division courses except with advance approval from the department.

All lower division courses in French are taught in French.

No credit will be given for lower division courses taken after successfully completing any upper division French course taught in French.

No credit will be given when French 100A, 100B, or the 200 series are taken out of sequence.

FRENC 100A. Elementary French I (5) [GE] I, II

Interactive introduction to speaking, reading, and writing French in a cultural context. Essential language structures for communication at the novice level. Not open to students who have completed three years of high school French unless the third course was completed five or more years ago.

FRENC 100B. Elementary French II (5) [GE] I, II

Prerequisite: French 100A or two years of high school French.

Continuation of French 100A. Not open to students who have completed four years of high school French unless the fourth course was completed five or more years ago.

FRENC 200. Intermediate French in Paris (3) II

Four hours per week in a 12 week period in the Paris Semester.

Development of intermediate level proficiency skills through lecture and work in small groups. Offered only through the Paris Semester study abroad program. This course satisfies the language graduation requirement.

FRENC 201. Readings in French (3) [GE] I, II

Prerequisite: French 100B or three years of high school French.

French majors, minors, and International Business majors are encouraged to enroll concurrently in French 210. Emphasis on reading. See *Class Schedule* for emphasis offered: Readings in French Culture, Readings in Francophone Culture, or Readings in Business French.

FRENC 210. French Grammar (3) [GE] I, II

Prerequisite: French 100B with a grade of C or better or three years of high school French.

French majors, minors, and International Business majors are encouraged to enroll concurrently in French 201.

Comprehensive survey of French grammar at the intermediate level. Analysis and use of typical French structures.

FRENC 220. Grammar of Spoken French (3) [GE] I, II

Prerequisite: French 210.

French majors, minors, and International Business majors are encouraged to enroll concurrently in French 221.

Analysis of grammar and use of modern French through study of cultural materials, for proficiency in oral communication.

FRENC 221. Writing French (3) [GE] I, II

Prerequisite: French 210.

French majors, minors, and International Business majors are encouraged to enroll concurrently in French 220.

Emphasis on written composition: study of a variety of prose models and practice in writing.

FRENC 296. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

All upper division courses in French are taught in French unless otherwise stated.

French 301 is not open to students who hold a French *baccalauréat*. French 301 and 302 may not be taken concurrently or out of sequence.

FRENC 301. Advanced Grammar and Composition (3) [GE] I, II

Prerequisites: Minimum 12 units of 200-level French, to include French 221, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities. General Education prerequisite not required for French majors.

Advanced grammar and stylistics, intensive writing practice focused on a theme in French culture.

FRENC 302. Translation and Stylistics (3) [GE] I, II

Prerequisites: French 301, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities. General Education prerequisite not required for French majors.

Comparative stylistics of French and English, taught through translation.

FRENC 304. Phonetics and Oral Proficiency (3) I

Two lectures and two hours of activity.

Prerequisite: Upper division standing in French.

Phonetic theory, listening, intonation and transcription practice, corrective phonetic and intonation exercises. Study of varieties of Francophone oral expression.

FRENC 305A. Survey of French Literature (3) [GE] I

Prerequisites: Twelve units of 200-level French, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities. General Education prerequisite not required for French majors.

Important movements, authors, and works in French literature from the Middle Ages to the Revolution.

FRENC 305B. Survey of French Literature (3) [GE] II

Prerequisites: Twelve units of 200-level French, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities. General Education prerequisite not required for French majors.

Important movements, authors, and works in French literature from the Revolution to present.

FRENC 400. Advanced French in Paris (3) II

Prerequisites: Twelve units of 200-level French.

Development of advanced level proficiency skills through writing and speaking. Offered only through the Paris Semester study abroad program.

FRENC 421. French Civilization (3) [GE] I

Prerequisites: Twelve units of 200-level French, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities. General Education prerequisite not required for French majors.

French civilization from Middle Ages to the present. Artistic, intellectual achievements and cultural movements.

FRENC 422. Contemporary France (3) [GE] II

Prerequisites: Twelve units of 200-level French, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities. General Education prerequisite not required for French majors.

Contemporary France, emphasizing political, economic and social structures as well as artistic, intellectual, and cultural trends.

FRENC 423. Commercial French (3) II

Prerequisite: French 301. **Proof of completion of prerequisite required:** Copy of transcript.

French commercial practices and language, the enterprise, correspondence, advertising, telecommunications, banking, transportation, import-export, insurance, accounting, stock market, preparation for the *Certificat* offered by the Paris Chamber of Commerce.

FRENC 424. French Cinema and Theory (3) [GE]

Two lectures and two hours of activity.

Prerequisites: Twelve units of lower division French. General Education students must also have completed Foundations II.C. Humanities.

French cinema emphasizing social, political, and cultural changes in modern France. Topics include film theory, the new wave, history in cinema, influence of feminism, French colonialism, race, class, and gender in modern culture. Taught in English.

FRENC 465. Africa in Literature and Film (3) [GE]

(Same course as Africana Studies 465.)

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities for nonmajors.

African cultural history through literature and film. Consistency/variety of African cultural expressions and conventions in literature and film. Taught in English. (Formerly numbered French 425.)

FRENC 495. French Internship (3) Cr/NC

Prerequisites: Upper division standing in major and consent of instructor.

Practical work experience in a field related to French and Francophone studies. Work done under joint direction of activity sponsor and instructor. Approved international internships may count towards international requirement for major.

FRENC 496. Topics in French Studies (1-4)

Topics in French literature, culture and linguistics. May be repeated with new content. Maximum credit nine units. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree. May be taught in English. See *Class Schedule* for specific content.

FRENC 499. Special Study (1-3) I, II

Prerequisites: French 302, 305A, 305B.

Individual study. Maximum credit six units. This course is intended only for students who are currently enrolled in or who already have credit for all upper division courses in French available in any given semester.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Also Acceptable for Advanced Degrees)

FRENC 501. Translation (3)

Prerequisite: French 302.

Stylistic comparison of French and English through translation of a variety of prose styles from English to French and from French to English.

FRENC 520. French and Francophone Literary Studies (3)

Prerequisites: French 302 and 305A or 305B.

Specialized study of a century, genre, movement or theme in French and Francophone literature. May be repeated with new title and content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Maximum credit six units.

FRENC 530. French and Francophone Cultural Studies (3)

Prerequisites: French 302 and 421 or 422.

Specialized study of artistic and intellectual trends, customs, and politics in French and Francophone culture. May be repeated with new title and content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Maximum credit six units.

FRENC 596. Topics in French Studies (1-4)

Prerequisite: French 302.

Topics in French literature, culture, and linguistics. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree. Maximum credit of nine units of 596. Maximum combined credit of six units of 596 and 696 applicable to a 30-unit master's degree.

GRADUATE COURSES Refer to the *Graduate Bulletin*.
