

FRENCH, B.A.

The French program at UW–Madison offers students opportunities for cultural and literary learning about the French-speaking world through dynamic, in-class experiences and extracurricular components such as the French House, an immersion residence hall and cultural center, and with French and Francophone cultural events in and around Madison.

Students intending to major in French or complete the certificate enter the program at the appropriate level depending on their language proficiency. If you have previous experience in the French language, please refer to Testing and Evaluation Services (<https://exams.wisc.edu/placement/uw-madison-students.php>) to register for the placement test.

The majority of UW–Madison French majors or certificate students complete their requirements through a combination of courses taken on campus and abroad with a UW–Madison-sponsored program.

Students have the option to take a class for Honors at almost all levels. For more information, please see the department website and/or consult the undergraduate advisor (<https://frit.wisc.edu/faculty-french-and-italian/>).

For information on teacher training in French, see the School of Education (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/>) section in the *Guide*.

For courses in French literature in translation, see the Literature in Translation (<http://guide.wisc.edu/courses/littrans/>) course listing.

HOW TO GET IN

Students can declare a French major at any time. For more information, please see the department website (<https://frit.wisc.edu/>) and/or consult the undergraduate advisor (<https://frit.wisc.edu/faculty-french-and-italian/>).

Students declared in the French certificate may not be declared in the French major at the same time. Students who do wish to declare this major must first cancel their declaration in the certificate.

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatelibrarytext>) section of the *Guide*.

General Education

- Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits
- Breadth—Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits
- Breadth—Social Studies: 3 credits
- Communication Part A & Part B *
- Ethnic Studies *
- Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.

Foreign Language

- Complete the fourth unit of a foreign language; OR
- Complete the third unit of a foreign language and the second unit of an additional foreign language.

L&S Breadth

- 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and
- 12 credits of Social Science; and
- 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course.

Liberal Arts and Science Coursework Complete at least 108 credits.

Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level.

Major Declare and complete at least one major.

Total Credits Complete at least 120 credits.

UW–Madison Experience

- 30 credits in residence, overall; and
- 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.

Quality of Work

- 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison
- 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison

NON-L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non-L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR INTRODUCTORY (PREREQUISITE) COURSE

Code	Title	Credits
FRENCH 228	Intermediate Language and Culture	3-4

24 TOTAL CREDITS:

To complete the French major, **24 credits** are needed beyond the introductory (prerequisite) course. Please note that only one course taught in English may count towards the French Major.⁴

REQUIRED COURSES IN FRENCH/FRANCOPHONE LITERATURE AND CULTURE

COMPLETE THE CORE COURSES:

Code	Title	Credits
FRENCH 271	Literature, Comics, and Film in French	3-4
FRENCH 321	Medieval and Early Modern French Literature ⁵	3
FRENCH 322	Modern French and Francophone Literature ⁵	3
FRENCH 347 or FRENCH 451	Medieval and Early Modern Culture ⁵ Medieval, Renaissance, and Early Modern Studies	3

FRENCH/FRANCOPHONE LITERATURE AND/OR CULTURE COURSE NUMBERED 400 OR ABOVE

Complete One course from:

Code	Title	Credits
FRENCH 420	Topics in French: Study Abroad	1-6
FRENCH 430	Readings in Medieval and Renaissance Literature	3
FRENCH 431	Readings in Early Modern Literature	3
FRENCH 449	Francophone Modernity Studies	3
FRENCH 451	Medieval, Renaissance, and Early Modern Studies	3
FRENCH 461	French/Francophone Literary Studies Across the Centuries	3
FRENCH 462	French/Francophone Cultural Studies Across the Centuries	3
FRENCH 464	Literature and Medicine in French-Speaking Cultures	3
FRENCH 465	French/Francophone Film	3
FRENCH 467	Aspects of Contemporary French Literature	3
FRENCH 472	French/Francophone Literature and Women	3
FRENCH 567	Undergraduate Seminar in French/Francophone Literary Studies	3

FRENCH 568	Undergraduate Seminar in French/Francophone Cultural Studies	3
FRENCH 569	Critical Approaches to Literature and Culture: French and Francophone Perspectives	3
FRENCH 626	Critical Approaches to French Literature	3
FRENCH 630	The Age of Reason	3
FRENCH 631	17th-Century French Literature	3
FRENCH 633	The 17th-Century Novel	3
FRENCH 636	The French Novel: 1850-1900	3
FRENCH 637	19th-Century French Literature	3
FRENCH 639	17th-Century Literature	3
FRENCH 645	16th-Century French Literature	3
FRENCH 647	The 20th-Century French Novel	3
FRENCH 653	French and Francophone Cinema	3
FRENCH 665	Introduction to Francophone Studies	3
FRENCH 672	Topics in Literature and Culture	3
FRENCH 681	Senior Honors Thesis	3
FRENCH 682	Senior Honors Thesis	3
FRENCH 691	Thesis	2
FRENCH 692	Thesis	2

ADDITIONAL FRENCH/FRANCOPHONE LITERATURE AND/OR CULTURE COURSE

Complete One course from:

Code	Title	Credits
FRENCH 210	Sexuality and Gender in 20th-Century French Literature ⁴	3
FRENCH 211	French Literary and Interdisciplinary Studies ⁴	3-4
FRENCH/AFRICAN 216	Modern and Contemporary Francophone Topics ⁴	3
FRENCH 248	Ethnic Studies in the French/Francophone World(s) ⁴	3
FRENCH 285	Rebellious Women ⁴	3-4
FRENCH 288	Doctors without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières) ⁴	3
FRENCH 298	Directed Study	1-3
FRENCH 299	Directed Study	1-3
FRENCH/INTL BUS 313	Professional Communication and Culture in the Francophone World	3
FRENCH/INTL BUS 314	Contemporary Issues in Government, Organizations, and Enterprise	3
FRENCH 325	Visual Culture in French/Francophone Studies	3
FRENCH 347	Medieval and Early Modern Culture ⁵	3
FRENCH 348	Modernity Studies	3
FRENCH 350	Applied French Language Studies	1-3
FRENCH 361	Study Abroad: French/Francophone Literature	2-3
FRENCH 362	Study Abroad: French/Francophone Civilization	2-3

FRENCH 420	Topics in French: Study Abroad	1-6
FRENCH 430	Readings in Medieval and Renaissance Literature	3
FRENCH 431	Readings in Early Modern Literature	3
FRENCH/ AFRICAN 440	African/Francophone Film ⁴	3
FRENCH 449	Francophone Modernity Studies	3
FRENCH 451	Medieval, Renaissance, and Early Modern Studies	3
FRENCH 461	French/Francophone Literary Studies Across the Centuries	3
FRENCH 462	French/Francophone Cultural Studies Across the Centuries	3
FRENCH 464	Literature and Medicine in French-Speaking Cultures	3
FRENCH 465	French/Francophone Film	3
FRENCH 467	Aspects of Contemporary French Literature	3
FRENCH 472	French/Francophone Literature and Women	3
FRENCH 567	Undergraduate Seminar in French/Francophone Literary Studies	3
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FRENCH 672	Topics in Literature and Culture	3
FRENCH 681	Senior Honors Thesis	3
FRENCH 682	Senior Honors Thesis	3
FRENCH 691	Thesis	2
FRENCH 692	Thesis	2
LITTRANS 209	Masterpieces of French Literature and Culture ⁴	3-4
LITTRANS 249	Literature in Translation: Nineteenth-Century French Masterpieces ⁴	3
LITTRANS 268	French Women Writers from the Middle Ages to the Nineteenth Century ⁴	3
LITTRANS 302	What is Life? Biological Life in Literature and Culture ⁴	3-4

LITTRANS 303	Topics in French Literature and Culture ⁴	3-4
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LANGUAGE COURSE NUMBERED 300 OR ABOVE

Complete One course from:

Code	Title	Credits
FRENCH 311	Advanced Composition and Speaking	3
FRENCH 312	Advanced Writing Workshop	3
FRENCH/ INTL BUS 313	Professional Communication and Culture in the Francophone World	3
FRENCH/ INTL BUS 314	Contemporary Issues in Government, Organizations, and Enterprise	3
FRENCH 316	Study Abroad: Advanced French Language	2-6
FRENCH 350	Applied French Language Studies	1-3
FRENCH 590	Introduction to Phonetics	3

ADDITIONAL FRENCH COURSEWORK TO REACH 24 CREDITS

As needed:

Many French majors will need additional elective credit to reach the 24-credit minimum requirement. Depending on the courses taken from the lists above to meet the other French major requirements, some students may need one or more additional elective course(s) to reach this 24-credit minimum. Courses in FRENCH numbered 300-699 are eligible electives.

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all FRENCH and major courses
- 2.000 GPA on at least 15 credits of upper-level work in the major, taken in residence¹
- 15 credits in FRENCH taken on campus at UW-Madison

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Major in consultation with a French undergraduate advisor.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.500 GPA for all FRENCH courses and all courses counting in the major
- Complete at least 8 credits, taken for Honors, beyond FRENCH 271²
- Complete a two-semester Senior Honors Thesis in FRENCH 681 and FRENCH 682, for a total of 6 credits³

FOOTNOTES

¹

FRENCH 300 and higher are considered upper-level in the major.

2

Study abroad in France or in another French-speaking country is highly recommended, and the 8 credits taken for Honors can be fulfilled through French courses taken abroad at the appropriate level.

3

In certain circumstances (particularly when the student is an Honors candidate in two or more departments), two courses in literature or cultural studies numbered 500-599 or 600-699 may be substituted for the Senior Honors Thesis.

4

Only one course taught in English may count toward the French Major.

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FRENCH 321 Medieval and Early Modern French Literature, FRENCH 322 Modern French and Francophone Literature and FRENCH 347 Medieval and Early Modern Culture are rarely given as course equivalents for courses taken abroad. Students majoring in French who do not take these courses prior to studying abroad will need to take them upon their return.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree	To receive a bachelor's degree from UW-Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.
Residency	Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW-Madison. "In residence" means on the UW-Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW-Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW-Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.
Quality of Work	Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Demonstrate that they understand and can analyze literary and non-literary texts in French representing a broad spectrum of topics, time periods, and geographical regions (interpretive communication).
2. Express themselves effectively in spoken and written French to inform, persuade, and narrate for different audiences of listeners, viewers, or readers (presentational communication).
3. Express themselves effectively in spoken and written French to share information, reactions, and opinions related to a broad spectrum of topics and texts (interpersonal communication).
4. Recognize and explain cultural artifacts, practices, and perspectives of the French-speaking world including how these cultural elements relate to literary and non-literary texts in French (cultural knowledge).
5. Demonstrate a good degree of understanding of lexical, grammatical, syntactic, and stylistic features of the French language (linguistic knowledge).

6. Demonstrate awareness of difference and diversity by comparing and contrasting culturally situated beliefs, behaviors, and norms of the French-speaking world with those found in their own culture (cross-cultural awareness).
7. Engage in a sustained fashion with the French language, its users, and cultural artifacts in and beyond the classroom, e.g., in their own community, virtual communities, and study abroad (engagement with the French language and culture).

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

This Sample Four-Year Plan is a tool to assist students and their advisor(s). Students should use it—along with their DARS report, the Degree Planner, and Course Search & Enroll tools—to make their own four-year plan based on their placement scores, credit for transferred courses and approved examinations, and individual interests. As students become involved in athletics, honors, research, student organizations, study abroad, volunteer experiences, and/or work, they might adjust the order of their courses to accommodate these experiences. Students will likely revise their own four-year plan several times during college.

Freshman			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
FRENCH 203		4 FRENCH 204	4
Communication A		3 FRENCH 248 (meets Ethnic Studies requirement)	3
Social Science Breadth		3 Social Science Breadth	4
Quantitative Reasoning A		3 Biological Science Breadth	3
Electives		3	
	16		14
Sophomore			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
FRENCH 228		3 FRENCH 211	3
Quantitative Reasoning B		4 FRENCH 311	3
Social Science Breadth		3 Communication B	4
Electives		3 Physical Science Breadth	3
INTER-LS 210		1 Social Science Breadth	3
	14		16
Junior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
FRENCH 271		3 FRENCH 321	3
FRENCH/INTL BUS 313		3 FRENCH 348	3
Science Breadth		3 Science Breadth	3
Electives		6 Electives	6
	15		15
Senior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
FRENCH 322		3 FRENCH 465	3
FRENCH 590		3 FRENCH 347	3

Electives	9 Electives	9
	15	15

Total Credits 120

ADVISING AND CAREERS

The Department of French and Italian encourages our majors to begin working on their career exploration and preparation soon after arriving on campus. We partner with SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science. L&S graduates are in high demand by employers and graduate programs. It is important to us that our students are career ready at the time of graduation, and we are committed to your success.

L&S CAREER RESOURCES

Every L&S major opens a world of possibilities. SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps students turn the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and other coursework into fulfilling lives after graduation, whether that means jobs, public service, graduate school or other career pursuits.

In addition to providing basic support like resume reviews and interview practice, SuccessWorks offers ways to explore interests and build career skills from their very first semester/term at UW all the way through graduation and beyond.

Students can explore careers in one-on-one advising, try out different career paths, complete internships, prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications, and connect with supportive alumni and even employers in the fields that inspire them.

- SuccessWorks (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/>)
- Set up a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Enroll in a Career Course (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/career-courses/>) - a great idea for first- and second-year students:
 - INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit)
 - INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Comm B General Education Requirement)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
 - INTER-LS 260 Internship in the Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Activate your Handshake account (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/handshake/>) to apply for jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers recruiting UW-Madison students
- Learn about the impact SuccessWorks has on students' lives (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/about/mission/>)

ADVISING RESOURCES

- For information on language proficiency, language placement, retrocredits and/or declaring the French Major, please see the French and Italian department website (<https://frit.wisc.edu/undergraduate-programs-in-french/>).
- For advising on the French Major or Certificate, please contact the undergraduate advisor (<https://frit.wisc.edu/faculty-french-and-italian/>).
- For language and international directions advising, please contact the International Directions Advisor in the Language Institute (<http://languages.wisc.edu/languageadvising/>).

PEOPLE

FRENCH FACULTY

Professors Bousquet, Miernowski, Vatan, Vila

Associate Professors Armstrong, El Nossery, Willis Allen

Faculty Associates Deitz, Theobald

Senior Lecturer Miernowska

FRENCH & ITALIAN PEOPLE PAGE ([HTTPS://Frit.Wisc.Edu/faculty-french-and-italian/](https://frit.wisc.edu/faculty-french-and-italian/))

RESOURCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

FRENCH HOUSE

La Maison Française (<http://uwfrenchhouse.org/>), a francophone (French-speaking) residence hall and cultural center, is managed by the Department of French and Italian. Residence is open to UW-Madison students with the equivalent of a fourth-semester level of French. At least two native French graduate students reside in the house, aiding in conversation and facilitating the use of French. Most residents are Americans: prospective teachers of French, French majors, and students in other disciplines who want to speak French on a daily basis. Applications should be made well in advance. More information is available at uwfrenchhouse.org (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/french-italian/uwfrenchhouse.org>).

The French House is open to the public for Wednesday dinner and Friday lunch during the academic year.

CLUBS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

French

The French Club (<https://win.wisc.edu/organization/frenchclub/>) is a registered student organization run by students involved in the French program and open to any and all UW community members who have an interest in French language and culture. Club members are encouraged to organize and participate in cultural events on campus and in the community. Undergraduates are welcome at scholarly talks and department events on an array of subjects (see department website (<https://www.frit.wisc.edu/>) and the French House website (<http://uwfrenchhouse.org/>) for event details).