

French (FREN)

Morrissey

The French program is designed to promote North Park University's emphasis on foreign language proficiency and its mastery for professional purposes. It thus serves students beyond the initial two-semester linguistic aptitude (8 sh) required for graduation, by preparing them for graduate and related professional studies. In view of the fact that a command of French is a useful bargaining power in today's global economy, and a valuable asset in negotiations, let alone America's non-isolationist position around the world, the program seeks to encourage students in other disciplines, especially Political Science, Economics, Education, English Literature, Missionary work, and the Sciences, to seriously consider French as a necessary appendage to their areas of concentration.

The objective of French Studies is to give students basic exposure to French language in the context of French culture. Students who complete a major in French Studies should demonstrate an advanced intermediate proficiency in reading, writing, and conversing in French, while being able to engage in analytical and abstract information in English about French culture. Students are highly encouraged to participate in North Park's program in Paris.

A French minor (20 sh) may lead to privileged opportunities in institutions like the World Bank, the UN, US Foreign Service etc., while the French major (36 sh), may offer an even wider spectrum of opportunities within the international market. To meet the university's requirements and students' career plans, the program adopts a series of strategic approaches such as reading, writing, listening, and speaking. It also offers students, usually in their junior year, the opportunity of a semester-long immersion in France to broaden their cultural and linguistic horizon.

Major requirements for the B.A. degree in French

Required semester hours

36 sh

Prerequisites and supporting courses

Approval of faculty

Required core courses

FREN 1010, 1020, 2010, 2020, 3150, 4000

Electives

FREN 3010, 3910, 3920, 4010 Plus additional 3000 level French courses at NPU or approved off-campus programs to complete 36 sh required.

Major requirements for the B.A. degree in French Studies

Required semester hours

36 sh

Required core courses

Minor in French: FREN 1010, 1020, 2010, 2020; HIST 3431, PHIL 3590

Electives

Any advanced French Course; ART 2016; FREN 4970; HIST 3140, 3421 3440; PHIL 3130; at least 4 sh must be in FREN at the 3000 level.

Notes and Restrictions

Foreign Study is highly recommended. Courses from those programs can be used to substitute those listed above. Up to 8 hours could be used to double count with other majors.

Minor requirements in French

Required semester hours

20 sh

Required core courses

FREN 1010, 1020, 2010, 2020 (16 sh)

Electives

Any 3000-level French course (4 sh minimum)

Notes and Restrictions

- Students must complete a form listing the courses they have taken to complete the minor, to be obtained from the department and on the department website.
- Students must turn in a simple portfolio to the chair of the department containing the following:
 1. A statement of their specific goals upon entering the program
 2. A self-assessment of the achievement of those goals-including what educational experiences most enhanced their learning, curricular and extracurricular.
 3. Two samples of student work from each course: completed: projects, essays or exams.

GE Designates a course that fulfills all or part of a General Education (G.E.) requirement; see the General Education Program section of the catalog for more information.

1010 **Basic French I (4 sh)** GE

Introduction to the sound and structure of contemporary French through materials relating to everyday events. Equal emphasis on listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Coordinated computer laboratory work.

1020 **Basic French II (4 sh)** GE

Conversation-oriented grammar and lexical patterns. Reading comprehension skills through primary texts. Writing assignments in French. Supplemental audio-visual presentations on French life and culture. Prerequisite: FREN 1010.

2010 **Intermediate Conversation (4 sh)**

Systematic practice of conversational techniques to deal with current everyday issues. Review and extension of grammar and lexical patterns. Pronunciation and intonation exercises. Prerequisite: FREN 1020.

2020 **Intermediate Composition (4 sh)**

Theme writing based on current issues in France and francophone countries to achieve idiomatic proficiency and fluent everyday style. Syntax of subordination. Introduction to major reference works. Prerequisite: FREN 2010.

2040 **French Phonetics and Pronunciation (2 sh)**

Phonetics and pronunciation is a practical course that aims to help majors improve their pronunciation and learn how to teach pronunciation to others. It also includes the theoretical treatment of phonetics: specifically articulatory phonetics, phonology, linguistics

structures, and intonation that will be language specific. Prerequisite: FREN 2020.

3010 Classical Literature (4 sh)

A study in depth of major literary works before 1885 that are representative of prominent literary movements: Renaissance, Baroque, Classicism, Romanticism, and Realism. Taught in French. May be applied to the French major or minor. Prerequisite: FREN 2020.

3150 Advanced Conversation and Composition (4 sh)

Intensive study and practice of oral and written French. Analysis of advanced grammatical structures, current idioms, and essential stylistic variances. Use of audio and video materials. Prerequisite: FREN 2020 or 3010.

3910 Topics in French (4 sh)

Intensive investigation of a selected topic on French: linguistic, film, etc. Format may vary but research projects and presentations should be expected. Prerequisite: FREN 3010 or 3150.

3920 Francophone Literature (4 sh)

Exploration of major regions of the Francophone world: Africa and the Caribbean; their culture, political, economic, and social problems, religion, etc. Quebec may be included if taught in French. Prerequisite: FREN 3010.

4000 Senior Research Project (4 sh)

A senior research project of 25-30 pages in French, on a topic approved by the Chair of the French Department, is required of all French majors. The project may cover any area of French Literature and language and should be submitted for review by the supervisor and the Chair before graduation.

4010 Seminar in Modern French Literature (4 sh)

Intensive study of major literature texts that are representative of prominent literary movements, from 18th through 20th centuries, and a critical examination of the ideologies that guided the writers: Taught in French. Prerequisite: FREN 3010.

4910 Independent Study in French (1-4 sh)

Advanced independent research. Open to majors in other disciplines with reading knowledge in French. Student must obtain consent of instructor and division chairperson to register for this course. Student must be of fourth-year standing.

4970 Internship in French (1-4 sh)

Please refer to the Internship section of the catalog for internship requirements and guidelines.