

French Program Roadmap

REQUIREMENTS · BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Units required for Major: 36

Minimum total units required for BA: 120

A GPA of 2.75 is required in courses applied to the major.

A. Required Lower Division Courses

There are no specific lower division course requirements. However, students must demonstrate competency equivalent to successful completion of FREN 001A, FREN 001B, FREN 002A and FREN 002B before beginning upper division work.

B. Required Upper Division Courses (36 units)

The French Major is divided into four main areas: Language, Literature, Electives, and Required courses taught in English. The first area of concentration is language. We require that students take at least one language class before moving on to take literature classes. We encourage students to take more than one upper division French class per semester. By doing so, they will typically take either two or three French classes each semester. We strongly encourage this for two reasons. Pedagogically speaking, the more French they immerse themselves in, the more progress they will make. From a practical point of view, our small program and budget constraints allow us to do a full rotation of classes every two years.

Prerequisites appear in parentheses

Language (15 units)

FREN 100 - Phonetics & Pronunciation (Four semesters of French or equivalent) (3)

FREN 101 - Advanced Grammar (FREN 002B or equivalent) (3)

FREN 102 - Advanced Conversation (Four semesters of French or equivalent) (3)

FREN 103 - Advanced Composition (FREN 101 or instructor permission) (3)

Literature (9 units)

FREN 110 - Survey of French Literature (FREN 101, FREN 103, or instructor permission) (3)

FREN 111- Topics in Francophone Literature (FREN 110 or equivalent or instructor permission) (3)

FREN 170 - Seminar Conducted in French (FREN 110) (3)

Taught in English

FREN 120 - French Civilization

LING 130 (3) - Introduction to Language and Linguistics

Electives (9 units) Select three of the following:

FREN 104A - French-English Translation (upper division standing in French) (3)

FREN 104B - English-French Translation (FREN 101 and upper division standing in French) (3)

FREN 107 - Business French (2nd year college level proficiency or equivalent; or instructor permission) (3)

FREN 109- French Language Practice (FREN 002B) (3)

FREN 125 - Quebec and French North America (3)

FREN 196 - Experimental Offerings

Semester by semester:

Semester 1: one or two of the following language classes

FREN 100, FREN 101, FREN 102, FREN 103

AND

One or two of the following electives

FREN 104A, FREN 104B, FREN 107, FREN 109, FREN 125, FREN 196

Semester 2

FREN 100, FREN 101, FREN 102, FREN 103

AND/OR

One or two of the following electives

FREN 104A, FREN 104B, FREN 107, FREN 109, FREN 125, FREN 196

OR a literature class

FREN 110, FREN 111

The semester 2 pattern repeats for **semesters 3, 4 and 5 and 6** if necessary. Students should take FREN 170 in their third, fourth or fifth semester.

Because Ling 130 and Fren 120 are taught in English they do not demand a certain level of proficiency in French, and since they are offered every semester, we do not have a specific time at which student should take them. We encourage students to take the Introduction to Linguistics class in their first or second semester, since it will help them with the theory of language learning

Alternatives to the roadmap

Study Abroad: by taking a semester or year abroad, a student can take equivalents to the required and elective courses at CSUS.

Special Problems: for scheduling conflicts or due to class cancellations, we do our best to provide students with independent study options so that they can fulfill the requirements. Students can also do special problems for specific areas of study of French they would like to investigate that are not offered.

Tutoring: students can earn credit towards their major by tutoring lower division students in French.

Internship: students can earn credit by doing internships with local French organizations or businesses.

NB: Students may do a maximum of six credit hours in tutoring, internship, or special problem.