

2009-2010

B.A. in French

College of Humanities and Social Studies

What Is the Study of French?

In keeping with the aim of providing the skills needed to learn about a culture in depth, the department trains in two areas: language structure and literary analysis. Language structure is taught both holistically and analytically. Holistic language learning is facilitated by modern methods and multimedia technology, as well as study abroad opportunities. The department supports the analytical instruction of language structure through a full range of language skills courses, as well as a significant number of courses in Linguistics. Literary analysis is essential to a student's understanding of the highest achievements in aesthetic expression of a culture's values. The department provides instruction in history and culture, as well as literary theory, with an end to enabling the student to gain access to the intellectual life in the culture. The department imparts skills to future foreign language teachers so that they may similarly enable high school students to begin the acquisition of foreign languages.

Why Should I Consider This Major?

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages provides students the skills to learn firsthand about major world societies. The department believes that the best way to understand a culture directly is through its language. The modern languages offered in the department are spoken natively by nearly two billion people. The multifaceted programs of the department provide an opening to the world through language, literature, culture and civilization. It is a meeting place for true diversity.

How to Declare:

Make an appointment with the departmental advisor. When meeting with the advisor, you should bring:

- An "Official Declaration of Undergraduate Major" form (available at the department office, HU 230).
- An unofficial WWU transcript -the documentation for any courses, taken at other colleges or universities.
- Documentation of any study-abroad credits.

Mid-Program Checkpoint:

Students intending to complete a Bachelor's of Arts degree in French within four years should complete the following courses by the start of their junior year. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and seek early departmental advisement.

Coursework:

Complete the second-year sequence (e.g. 201, 202, and 203).

Other Activities:

Discuss national and international study abroad opportunities with the International Programs and Exchanges Office.

Contact Information:

French Department Website:
<http://www.wvu.edu/mcl/french/>

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Sample Careers:

Interpreter
Foreign Correspondent
Foreign Service Officer
FBI Agent
Educator
Linguist
Travel Writer
All careers involving communication



French Major Requirements: 55 Credits

55 credits above the 100 level; GPA of 2.50 or above in major; maximum of 15 credits at the 200-level; FREN 425 is not applicable to the major.

FREN 301 Grammar Review (4)

FREN 302 Written Exposition (3)

FREN 314 Phonetics (4)

One From:

FREN 331 Civilisation et Culture Françaises (4)

FREN 332 Civilisation et Culture Québec (3)

Two From:

FREN 340 Introduction to French Literature I (4)

FREN 341 Introduction to French Literature II (4)

FREN 342 Introduction to French Literature III (4)

FREN 385 Conversation and Culture (4)

(May be taken up to 3 times)

FREN 401 Eléments de Stylistique (3)

(Must be taken on campus)

One additional 400 level course (3-5)

French electives to reach 55-credit major requirement

Other French Options:

B.A. Ed. French—Elementary (45 credits plus 107 credits for the Elementary Education Professional Program)

Minor in French (24 credits minimum)

French Endorsement in Secondary Education

These courses are offered within this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements.

BCOM: FREN 103, 104, 201

HUM: FREN 200 level or above

WP: Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3).

Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.