

FRENCH MAJOR

Overview

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Studying French at Wheaton is an adventure in cross-cultural communication. We celebrate linguistic and cultural diversity by studying the history, literature, cinema, and art of the French-speaking world both inside and outside of France, including many countries in Africa and the Caribbean, Quebec, and Louisiana. French majors at Wheaton will learn the forms and functions of the French language, understand native speech and writing, and learn to communicate creatively and comprehensively in French. Students who study French at Wheaton also sharpen their analytical skills and cultivate the Christian virtues of compassion and empathy, gaining an enhanced awareness of their own linguistic, cultural, and religious heritage. Through clarifying an understanding of oneself, students will learn to relate with respect and consideration to people from other backgrounds. Studying abroad (usually in France or Quebec) is an integral aspect of our program, cited by many students as the most important and enriching component of their undergraduate studies.

Requirements

The French Major requires 32 hours of French coursework. Major requirements are:

Code	Title	Credits
For students who begin their major at the 100-level:		
FREN 333	Global French: Introduction to the Francophone World	4
FREN 347 or FREN 348	Francophone Literature Coming of Age in French Literature	4
FREN 494	Senior Seminar	4

Code	Title	Credits
For students who begin their major at the 200 or 300-level:		
FREN 331	French Conversation	4
FREN 333	Global French: Introduction to the Francophone World	4
FREN 347 or FREN 348	Francophone Literature Coming of Age in French Literature	4
FREN 494	Senior Seminar	4

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Elective courses:		
FREN 101	Elementary French I	4
FREN 102	Elementary French II	4
FREN 103	Accelerated Elementary French	4
FREN 201	Intermediate French	4
FREN 331	French Conversation	4
FREN 334	Culture And Communication (Various Topics)	2
FREN 347	Francophone Literature (If not taken for core requirement)	4
FREN 348	Coming of Age in French Literature (If not taken for core requirement)	4

French Louisiana; Women Writers; French and Québécois Film; Translation; Literature of the French Resistance		
FREN 371	Methods of Teaching Foreign Languages	4
FREN 431	Advanced Conversation	2
FREN 432	Advanced Grammar and Stylistics	2
FREN 439	Topics in French Language and Literature	2,4
FREN 495	Independent Study	1-4
LING 321	Introduction to Linguistic Science	2
<i>Students are strongly encouraged to study overseas, either with Wheaton in Quebec program or through a GPS-approved semester program.¹</i>		
FREN 335	Francophone Civilization and Culture	2-4
FREN 338	Advanced French in Francophone Country	2-4

¹ Students are strongly encouraged to take classes that are equivalent to FREN 335 and FREN 338. Classes must be selected in consultation with a French faculty advisor.

French students pairing their major with Secondary Education and are pursuing a teaching license are required to complete either a secondary major in Secondary Education or the Pre-Licensure Secondary Education Certificate en route to the Accelerated Master's in Teaching (A-MAT) in Secondary Education. Students who are not pursuing a teaching license are not required to complete a secondary major in Secondary Education or the Pre-Licensure Secondary Education Certificate.