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# French

Major & Minor

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A major in French gives students at the University of Pittsburgh the opportunity to study in detail a foreign language and to acquire an education in a literary and cultural tradition central to the humanities. Studying French language and literature prepares students for graduate study in law and international affairs, advanced work in the humanities, and careers in business, governmental service and teaching. The University is committed to international study and students are encouraged to take advantage of the numerous opportunities to study abroad. Students can also combine a major in French with a second major in a field such as political science, history, biology or economics. Students who choose to study the grammar, linguistics, rhetoric, literature and film of the Francophone world will acquire an invaluable technical resource and an in-depth knowledge of a diverse and foundational intellectual tradition. For more information on the major, or on the Department of French and Italian Languages and Literatures, please visit our website.

## Required courses for the French Major

The French major requires the completion of 31 credits above the intermediate level (FR 0001 through FR 0004 do not count toward the major). Of these, 16 credits consist of the following required core courses: FR 0020, 0021, 0027 0055, 0056, and 0058. Majors are expected to take one (1) credit of FR 0058, but may take two (2) additional credits of the course as a non-major elective. In addition, students must take 15 credits of electives at the 1000-level, of which 12 credits must be in courses taught in French. Students should design their program of upper-level courses in consultation with their advisor, so that their course selection may best meet their projected career needs.

**Grade Requirements:** A minimum QPA of 2.0 is required in those courses that count toward the major.

**Satisfactory/Audit Option:** Students may take one (1) course toward the major, in addition to FR 0058, on an S/NC basis.

**Writing (W) Requirement:** Students must complete at least one (1) **W-course** in the major.

**Related Area:** A minimum of 12 credits is required in any one (1) A&S department chosen in consultation with the major advisor. The completion of an official A&S minor or an A&S/UCIS certificate also satisfies this requirement.

**Honors Major Requirements:** To earn departmental honors in French, students must demonstrate superior performance in departmental courses, and be enrolled in 1000-level French courses, preferably no later than the first term of their junior year. Selection of honors candidates takes place in the second term of students' junior year. To qualify for departmental honors, students must complete and present a research paper. Work on this project customarily takes place over three terms, as follows:

1.) During the summer before the senior year, students choose an appropriate topic with their faculty advisor and begin independent preparatory work leading to the writing of a rough draft.

2.) In the Fall term of their senior year, students continue researching and begin writing their paper. This work must be done in consultation with their faculty advisor.

3.) In the Spring term, students finish writing the paper and present the thesis before a faculty committee.

Honors will be determined by the quality of the paper and the presentation, as well as the cumulative grades in all departmental courses counting toward the major.

**Language Study:** Reading competency in another language is recommended for those students planning to do graduate study in French.

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**Study Abroad:** Students are strongly encouraged to add an international dimension to their undergraduate education through studying abroad. By participating in an approved study abroad program, students can earn credits toward their major as well as CAS credits. Please consult the study abroad advisor in the French program for guidance in choosing a suitable program and for information on study abroad scholarships and financial aid.

On the basis of our students' experience, we can suggest the following from the numerous study abroad programs available:

- **Université Laval:** Quebec City, Canada - This program offers two (2) total immersion five-week summer sessions concentrating mainly on the development of language skills. One and two semester programs during the Fall and Spring terms are also available. <http://www.elv.ulaval.ca>

- **Institute for European Studies (IES):** Nantes and Paris, France - This program offers summer, semester, or full-year options. <http://www.iesabroad.org>

- **Centre international d'études françaises, Université Catholique de l'Ouest:** Angers, France <http://www.uco.fr>

- **Centre de linguistique appliquée, Université de Franche-Comté:** Besançon, France <http://cla.univ-fcomte.fr>

- **American University Center of Provence:** Aix-en-Provence, France <http://www.aucp.org>

- **Institut d'Etudes Politiques:** Paris, France - This is a full-year exchange program. Students pay University of Pittsburgh tuition. Fields of study include: political science, economics, history, European society, and the liberal arts. For more information, please contact Timothy Thompson of EUCE, [tst@pitt.edu](mailto:tst@pitt.edu).

**Checklist for the French Major:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0001 (does not count toward major)
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0002 (does not count toward major)
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0003 (does not count toward major)
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0004 (does not count toward major)
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0020
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0021
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0027
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0055
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0056
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0058 (1-credit course)
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0058 (optional)
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- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 1\_\_\_\_\_ (1000-level in FR)
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- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 1\_\_\_\_\_ (1000-level in FR)
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 1\_\_\_\_\_ (1000-level in Engl. or French)

\_\_\_\_\_ "W" Writing Intensive course w/in the major

**Checklist for the French Language and Literature Minor:**

**Option I. (19 credits)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0001
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0002
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0003
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0004
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0020 **or** 0021

**Option II. (19 credits)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0001
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0002
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0003
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0004
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0080 **or** 0081 **or** 0085

**Option III. (15 credits)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0003
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0004
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0020 **or** 0021

Two (2) of FR 0020, 0021, 0055, 0056, 0057, 0080-series, 1080-series

- \_\_\_\_\_ FR \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist for the French Studies Minor:**

**Option I. (15 credits)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0080
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0081
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR \_\_\_\_\_ (0080-series **or** 1080-series)
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR \_\_\_\_\_ (0080-series **or** 1080-series)
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR \_\_\_\_\_ (0080-series **or** 1080-series)

**Option II. (19 credits)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0001
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR 0002
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR \_\_\_\_\_ (0080-series **or** 1080-series)
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR \_\_\_\_\_ (0080-series **or** 1080-series)
- \_\_\_\_\_ FR \_\_\_\_\_ (0080-series **or** 1080-series)

**Note:** Students must apply for any official **Minor** they will complete **or** have completed at the time they apply for graduation. Students may only take 1 course S/N in order to complete the minor.