

French Education

Department Information

- **Department Location:**
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- **Department Phone:**
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- **Department Web Site:**
www.ndsu.edu/education/
- **Credential Offered:**
B.S.; B.A.
- **Official Program Curriculum:**
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French Education involves learning about French language and culture, while simultaneously developing knowledge and skills related to teaching. Your classes will be a blend of content courses related to the language, as well as pedagogy (teaching) courses. Meeting all of the program's requirements prepares you for teacher certification.

The Program

Candidates in the French education major are prepared for a language teaching career by getting the best of both worlds: content courses with faculty in the Department of Modern Languages and professional education courses from faculty in the School of Education (SOE). In addition to required courses, French education students need to study abroad where the target language is spoken.

Professional Education Courses

Students may enroll in the 300-level professional education courses before being formally admitted to the SOE. Prior to enrolling in the 400-level courses, students must complete the application for admission to the SOE; attain a minimum of a 2.75 grade point average overall in their course work and education courses; and pass the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators exam(s). A minimum grade of "B" is required in the FREN teaching specialty courses. Requirements for admission can be found on the School of Education website (<https://www.ndsu.edu/education>).

Student Teaching

Student teaching is the culmination of the teaching program. Students have the opportunity to apply knowledge and skills acquired in college courses under the supervision of an experienced French educator.

Student Advisement

Students will be assigned individual advisors who will work closely in program planning and in other ways to advise and assist them. Students are encouraged to seek advising from both Modern Languages and the School of Education whenever needed.

Certification

Upon completing the program, students are eligible for certification to teach French in most states. The program is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

Career Opportunities

A degree in French Education will prepare you to teach French at the 7-12 level. The demand for language teachers continues to be great. In general, "employment of high school teachers is projected to grow 8 percent from 2016 to 2026, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Rising student enrollment should increase demand for high school teachers, but employment growth will vary by region" (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/high-school-teachers.htm>)

Plan of Study

Please note this is a sample plan of study and not an official curriculum. Actual student schedules for each semester will vary depending on start year, education goals, applicable transfer credit, and course availability. Students are encouraged to work with their academic advisor on a regular basis to review degree progress and customize an individual plan of study.

First Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 110 (Gen Ed Category C)	4 COMM 110 (Gen Ed Category C)	3
FREN 311	3 ENGL 120 (Gen Ed Category C)	3

Quantitative Reasoning Gen Ed	3	FREN 312	3
Social & Behavioral Science Gen Ed/ Ancillary French	3	EDUC 321	3
Wellness Gen Ed	2	Social & Behavioral Science Gen Ed/ Ancillary French	3
		Complete Core Academic Skills Exam	
	15		15
Second Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EDUC 322	3	EDUC 451	3
EDUC 481	3	FREN Elective	3
FREN 315	3	French Special Methods (completed through Tri-College at MSUM or Concordia)	3
Other Foreign Language I	4	Science & Technology Gen Ed	3
Science & Technology Gen Ed	3	Other Foreign Language II	4
Apply to School of Education			
	16		16
Third Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EDUC 489	3	Semester Abroad (5 upper division French courses approved by advisor)	15
FREN 350	3		
FREN 360 (May be used as Gen Ed Category C)	3		
Science & Technology Gen Ed + Lab	4		
Elective	3		
	16		15
Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EDUC 486	3	EDUC 485	1
FREN 489	1	EDUC 487	9
FREN Elective	3	EDUC 488	3
FREN Elective	3		
Elective	3		
Elective	3		
Apply for student teaching			
Complete PLT (grades 7-12) Exam			
Complete Subject Area Assessment Exam			
	16		13

Total Credits: 122