

French

Department Information

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- **Credential Offered:**
B.A.; B.S.
- **Official Program Curriculum:**
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Today's interconnected world generates the need to be able to communicate in more than one language. As networks of international cooperation and exchange grow in complexity, particularly among governments and businesses, those who possess foreign language competence become increasingly valuable. Moreover, it has been shown that learning a second language can improve one's overall writing and speaking ability.

Career Directions

Experience has shown that many students, with or without declared modern language majors or minors, find a second language background especially useful when combined with preparation in another professional field. Examples include health care, public relations, journalism, TV and radio broadcasting, hotel management, publishing and editing, government service, banking, and management.

One of the more promising occupational fields for language students has been international business. Individuals with foreign language skills are finding increased opportunities with multinational corporations, especially in management and marketing. Many companies with international ties recruit candidates possessing linguistic training because they recognize its correlation with effective verbal and written communication. Regardless of their specific majors, students are encouraged to contact the department for information and advice on career application of foreign language skills.

Students wishing to prepare for high school teaching should make this intention known to the School of Education and to the Department of Modern Languages to make certain that the requirements for state certification are met. Competitiveness and flexibility in the job market tend to be greater if certification can be obtained in two or more different areas.

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 | | | |
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| Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits |
| ENGL 110 | 4 | ENGL 120 | 3 |
| Gen Ed Quantitative Reasoning | 3 | FREN 312 | 3 |
| FREN 311 | 3 | Gen Ed Wellness | 2 |
| Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences | 3 | Gen Ed Science/Tech with lab | 4 |
| Gen Ed Science/Tech | 3 | AHSS College Requirement | 3 |
| | 16 | | 15 |
| Second Year | | | |
| Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits |
| FREN 315 | 3 | One year of a Second Language Course | 3-4 |
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| Gen Ed Science/Tech | 3 | Minor Courses or Elective | 6 |
| COMM 110 | 3 | FREN Upper-Division elective | 3 |
| Minor or 2nd major | 3 | | |
| | 15-16 | | 15-16 |
| Third Year | | | |
| Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits |
| FREN 350 | 3 | FREN 492 | 12-15 |
| FREN Upper-Division Elective | 3 | | |
| Gen Ed Social & Behavioral Science | 3 | | |
| Minor or 2nd major | 9 | | |
| | 18 | | 12-15 |
| Fourth Year | | | |
| Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits |
| FREN Upper-Division Elective Course | 3 | FREN 489 (Senior Thesis)* | 1 |
| Minor or 2nd major | 10 | FREN Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| FREN 360 | 3 | FREN 401 or Upper-Division FREN Literature | 3 |
| | | Minor Courses or Electives | 6 |
| | 16 | | 13 |

Total Credits: 120-125

* FREN 489: Senior Thesis must be completed after the study abroad experience.

** FREN Elective Courses: Select four of the following: FREN 340, 345, 360, 365, 370, 410, 412, 420, or 422.

*** Ancillary Courses: Choose at least two courses. Consult department or advisor for current list of approved ancillary electives. Western Civilization, History of Europe or Africa, World Literature, or any area of linguistics.