The major in French Studies promotes the acquisition of superior language skills along with an opportunity to explore, via a set of multidisciplinary approaches, the richness of French and Francophone cultures. Emphasis is placed on developing skills in critical analysis that enhance appreciation of print and visual texts while also broadening and deepening students' understanding of values foreign to their own.

Requirements for the Major in French and Francophone Studies 2019-2020

There are three ways to begin the major. This path is for students whose placements test results indicate that they should begin in FR128 or FR131.

START HERE (required)

FR128: French IV: Reading in Cultural Contexts (offered in the fall and spring) OR FR131: Conversation and Composition (offered in the spring)
FR231: Advanced Grammar and Composition  
Offered in the fall and spring

Take at least one course focused on the Francophone world. The courses being offered this academic year include:

FR236: Introduction to the Francophone World: the Americas  
Offered in the fall
FR351/FR493C: Minority Issues and Social Change in the Americas  
Offered in the spring
FR397/FR493J: Queering the Maghreb in Francophone Cinema  
Offered in the fall

Another class taken abroad and pre-approved by your major advisor

Take at least one course focused on early modern France or pre-1800. The courses being offered this academic year include:

FR332/FR493I: Voices of Dissent in Early Modern France or the Quest for Freedom  
Offered in the fall

Another class taken abroad and pre-approved by your major advisor

Take at least one course focused on the acquisition of critical tools and methods or application of theory. The courses being offered this academic year include:

FR252: Provocative Texts: A Critical Toolbox  
Offered in the spring
FR371/FR493N: L’écriture du soi  
Offered in the spring

Another class taken abroad and pre-approved by your major advisor

Other French electives that will count toward the major include:

FR223: French Theater Workshop  
Offered in the spring
FR240 (AR240): Surrealism  
Offered in the fall
FR297: Indigenous Resistance to Petrocapitalism  
Offered in the fall

The fine print:

- Students who begin in either 128 or 131 need to take 9 additional courses, taking into consideration the requirements outlined here.
- Majors must enroll in at least one course conducted in French each semester after declaring the major.
- After returning from abroad, only 300- and 400-level courses will count toward the major.
- You must enroll in one senior seminar (400-level course) during either semester of your senior year.
- If you are going abroad for one semester, up to 3 courses may be counted toward the major. If you are going abroad for the academic year, up to 5 courses may be counted toward the major.
- An independent study cannot take the place of the requirement for majors to take a course in the department each semester.

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Course offerings are subject to change and will vary from year to year. Consult your academic advisor with any questions.