

FRANCOPHONE, ITALIAN AND GERMANIC STUDIES: FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES, BA

French and Francophone Studies introduces students to the full span of historical and cultural traditions from France and the French-speaking world. Language courses from introductory to advanced promote linguistic fluency and cultural competency, and upper-level seminars explore a range of topics pertaining to language, literature, culture, history, visual arts, and media.

The department strongly encourages study abroad and sponsors a summer program in France (Penn Summer in Tours (<https://summer.sas.upenn.edu/programs/abroad/tours/>)), as well as semester/year programs in Paris, Lyon, Grenoble, and Cameroon.

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/>) for graduation in the FIGS major is 32. Double majors may entail more course units.

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/>) page.

Code	Title	Course Units
College General Education Requirements and Free Elective		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors ¹ + Free Electives		20
Major Requirements		
FIGS 1000	Seeing Differently: Transcultural Approaches to Francophone, Italian, and Germanic Studies	1
FREN 0400	Intermediate French II	1
FREN 1000	Advanced French	1
Electives		
At least 4 c.u. of electives must come from among the three following categories with a minimum of 1 in each:		4
<i>Advanced Language</i>		
FREN 1212	Advanced French Grammar and Composition	
FREN 1214	Advanced French Conversation and Composition	
FREN 1217	French Phonetics or FREN 217 French Phonetics	
FREN 2230	Advanced Intensive French Composition and Conversation	
FREN 2231	Advanced French Language and Culture Advanced French language course at an approved study abroad program	
FREN 3250	Advanced French: Translation	
<i>History and Culture Surveys</i>		
FREN 1226	French History and Culture to 1774	
FREN 1227	French History and Culture 1789-1945	
FREN 1228	Contemporary France	

or FREN 228 Contemporary France		
FREN 3290	Le français dans le monde/French in the World	
<i>Literature and Film Surveys</i>		
FREN 1230	Masterpieces of French Cinema	
FREN 1231	Perspectives in French Literature: Love and Passion	
FREN 1232	Perspectives in French Literature: The Individual and Society	
FREN 1233	Francophone Literature and Film	
<i>French Seminars 3000 Level or Higher</i>		2
FREN 3020	Literary Translation: Theory and Practice	
FREN 3030	Humor and Comedy in French and Francophone Culture	
FREN 3080	Topics in French Culture	
FREN 3300	Medieval Literature	
FREN 3600	The Enlightenment	
FREN 3700	French Literature of the 19th Century	
FREN 3720	Crime and Punishment: Hugo's Les Misérables in Context	
FREN 3730	Paris: lire la ville, écrire la ville	
FREN 3800	Literature of the Twentieth Century	
FREN 3810	Animal Words, Animal Worlds: Introduction to Zoopoetics	
FREN 3820	Horror Cinema	
FREN 3830	French & Italian Modern Horror	
FREN 3840	The French Novel of the Twentieth Century	
FREN 3850	Modern French Theater	
FREN 3860	Paris in Film	
FREN 3900	Francophone Postcolonial Cultures	
FREN 3905	French Caribbean Thought & Literature	
<i>The remaining 3 CU can come from any combination of:</i> ²		3
<i>First-Year Seminars</i>		
FREN 0080	Laughter and Tricky Topics	
FREN 0081	Decolonizing French Food	
FREN 0090	The Fantastic Voyage from Homer to Science Fiction	
Additional courses taught in French at the 1000-level or higher, including:		
FREN 2130	French for Business I	
FREN 3130	French for Business II	
FREN 2180	From West Africa to West Philadelphia: Creating Community in the Francophone Diaspora	
FREN 2250	Paris during the German Occupation and its Places of [Non-]Memory	
FREN 2251	Paris during the German Occupation and its Places of [Non-]Memory	
FREN 2461	Women's Writing in French: 19th-21st Centuries	
FREN 3999	Independent Study	
Courses taught in French at approved study abroad programs		
Major-related courses in FIGS or other departments		

Coursework in another foreign language relevant to the student's interests

Total Course Units **32**

¹ You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (<http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy/>).

² **The remaining 3 c.u. of electives can be any combination of:**

- Additional courses taught in French at the 1000-level or higher.
- Courses taught in French at approved study abroad programs.
- FREN 3999: Independent Study.
- FREN 4000: Honors Research Project.
- Major-related courses taught in English, either in FIGS or in other departments.
- Coursework in another foreign language relevant to the student's interests.
- First-Year Seminars counted retroactively.

Honors

Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.4 in the Major.

Code	Title	Course Units
FREN 4000	Honors Thesis	1

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.
