FRENCH (FREN)

FREN 1A. Elementary French. 4 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Focuses on the development of elementary linguistic skills, with emphasis on the spoken language. The relationship of the language to French civilization and culture is given special attention.

FREN 1B. Elementary French. 4 Units
Prerequisite(s): FREN 1A and a suitable score on placement exam; or instructor permission.
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Humanities (Area C2), Foreign Language Graduation Requirement
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Continuation of FREN 1A, with emphasis on reading, writing, listening and speaking. French culture and its relationship to language is given continued attention.
Note: Meets the Foreign Language Graduation Proficiency Requirement.

FREN 2A. Intermediate French. 4 Units
Prerequisite(s): One year of college French, suitable score on placement exam; or instructor permission.
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Foreign Language Graduation Requirement, Humanities (Area C2)
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Emphasis on speaking, reading and writing ability. Dialogues, discussions and compositions in French.
Note: Meets the Foreign Language Graduation Proficiency Requirement.

FREN 2B. Intermediate French. 4 Units
Prerequisite(s): FREN 2A, suitable score on the placement exam; or instructor permission.
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Foreign Language Graduation Requirement
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Continuation of FREN 2A.
Note: Meets the Foreign Language Graduation Proficiency Requirement.

FREN 100. Phonetics and Pronunciation. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Four semesters of French or equivalent.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Review and practice all the main phonetic features of the spoken French language. Complete familiarization with the international phonetic alphabet. Practice in written transcription and oral pronunciation of all vowel and consonant sounds in French. Review and practice characteristics of diction, articulation, intonation, the musical movement of the sentence and rhythm. Orthographic problems and the phenomena of spelling and pronunciation are integrated with all written and oral exercises. Elimination of specific pronunciation problems for English speakers (r/l, mute, e, nasals, final consonants, etc.).

FREN 101. Advanced Grammar. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): FREN 2B or equivalent.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring


FREN 102. Advanced Conversation. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Four semesters of French or equivalent.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Mastery of spoken French language through discussion of personal readings to develop vocabulary and syntactical skills. Conducted in French. May be taken for credit twice.

FREN 103. Advanced Composition. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): FREN 101 or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Special attention to help students learn the dynamics of good writing, become sensitive to style and develop ability to express their thoughts coherently, in essentially correct and well structured French prose. Conducted in French.

FREN 104A. French Translation (French-English). 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Upper division status in French.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Development of translating techniques applicable to texts in such areas as literature, sciences, journalism, history, art. Review and comparative study of French and English grammars and styles. Conducted in French.

FREN 104B. French Translation (English-French). 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): FREN 101 and upper division status in French.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Development of translating techniques from English to French applicable to texts in such areas as business, culture and/or literature. Continued comparative study of French and English grammars and styles. Conducted in French.
Note: Meets the Foreign Language Graduation Proficiency Requirement.

FREN 107. Business French. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Second year college level proficiency or equivalent; or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Designed to create awareness of linguistic and crosscultural differences affecting effective communication between American and Francophone speakers in the world of business, and to provide added confidence in transactions and negotiations. Explores how to do business in France, how different business structures work and interact, and how to participate in everyday business activities. Particularly helpful to International Business students to enhance understanding of Francophone and European markets and to develop business oriented French language skills. Prepares student to obtain two different Business French Certificates offered by the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Paris and the French Ministry of Education. Conducted in French.

FREN 109. French Language Practice. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): FREN 2B.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Practice with French conversation, reading, and vocabulary development; supervised individual and small-group instruction designed to develop French vocabulary, including the conversation, listening and reading skills necessary for advanced study in French. May be taken for credit three times.
FREN 110. Survey of French Literature. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): FREN 101, FREN 103, FREN 109 or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

An introduction to French literature through texts of varied length from different time periods and genres with a focus on the use of language. Conducted in French.

FREN 111. Topics in Francophone Literature. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): FREN 110, or equivalent; or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Study of literary texts by Francophone writers with an emphasis placed on textual analysis and the relationship between text and context. Conducted in French.

Note: Meets the Foreign Language Graduation Proficiency Requirement.

FREN 120. French Civilization. 3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Humanities (Area C2)
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Presentation of formative cultural achievements of the French world from its origins to the present, i.e., the origin of the French language. Contributions to European Renaissance, Baroque and Classicism, the Revolutionary and Romantic eras, and modern western culture.

Note: Open to non-majors. Course taught in English.

FREN 125. Quebec and French North America. 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Development and significance of francophone culture in North America, notably Quebec, French Canada and Louisiana, are explored through historical events, social changes and artistic achievements. Introduces major cultural trends and traditions from the 17th century to the present through non-fiction, literary works and audio-visual presentations in art and music. French majors and minors are required to do all reading, research and papers in French.

Note: Upper division status required.

FREN 130. Culture Wars: From Knighthood to Revolution. 3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Humanities (Area C2)
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Study of the profound influence of culture wars through the interpretation of major French writers, philosophers and scientists ranging from the Middle Ages to the 18th century. All readings and lectures in English.

Note: Open to non-majors.

FREN 170. Seminar Conducted in French. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): FREN 110.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Seminar in French will be offered as needed.
FREN 299. Special Problems. 1 - 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Individual projects or directed reading.
Note: Departmental petition required.
Credit/No Credit

FREN 500. Culminating Experience. 1 - 4 Units
Prerequisite(s): Advanced to candidacy and permission of the graduate advisor.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Completion of a thesis, project or comprehensive examination.