

French Major and Minor

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A major in French gives students at the University of Pittsburgh the opportunity to study in detail a foreign language and to acquire an education in a literary and cultural tradition central to the humanities. Studying French language and literature prepares students for graduate study in law and international affairs, advanced work in the humanities, and careers in business, governmental service and teaching. The University is committed to international study, and students are encouraged to take advantage of the numerous opportunities to study abroad. Students can combine a major in French with a second major in a field such as political science, history, biology, or economics. Students who choose to study the grammar, linguistics, rhetoric, literature, and film of the Francophone world will acquire an invaluable technical resource and an in-depth knowledge of a diverse and foundational intellectual tradition. For more information on the major, or to find out more about the Department of French and Italian Languages and Literatures, please visit our Web site.

Required courses for the French major

The French major requires the completion of 31 credits above the intermediate level. Elementary French language courses (FR 0001 and FR 0002) do not count toward the major. Required credits are distributed as follows.

Core courses

FR 0020 Introduction to Civilization
FR 0021 Approaches to French Literature
FR 0027 The French Atlantic
FR 0055 French Conversation
FR 0056 Written French 1
FR 0058 Advanced French Conversation

Note: Majors must take one credit of FR 0058 but may take two additional credits as a non-major elective.

Elective courses

Students must take 15 credits of electives at the 1000-level, of which 12 credits must be in courses taught in French. Intermediate French language courses (FR 0003 and FR 0004) may be used to fulfill this requirement.

Students should design their program of upper-level courses in consultation with their advisor, so that their course selection may best meet their projected career needs.

Grade requirements: A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in courses that count toward the major.

Satisfactory/No Credit option: Students may take one course toward the major, in addition to FR 0058, on an S/NC basis.

Writing (W) requirement: Students must complete at least one W-course in the major.

Related area: A minimum of 12 credits is required in any one Arts and Sciences department chosen in consultation with the major advisor. The completion of an official Arts and Sciences minor or an Arts and Sciences or UCIS certificate also satisfies this requirement.

Honors major requirements: To earn departmental honors in French, students must demonstrate superior performance in departmental courses, and be enrolled in 1000-level French courses, preferably no later than the first term of their junior year. Selection of honors candidates takes place in the second term of students' junior year. To qualify for departmental honors, students must complete and present a research paper. Work on this project customarily takes place over three terms, as follows.

1. During the summer before the senior year, students choose an appropriate topic with their faculty advisor and begin independent preparatory work leading to the writing of a rough draft.
2. In the fall term of their senior year, students continue researching and begin writing their paper. This work must be done in consultation with their faculty advisor.
3. In the spring term, students finish writing the paper and present the thesis before a faculty committee.

Honors will be determined by the quality of the paper and the presentation, as well as the cumulative grades in all departmental courses counting toward the major.

Language study: Reading competency in another language is recommended for those students planning to do graduate study in French.

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Study abroad: Students are strongly encouraged to add an international dimension to their undergraduate education through studying abroad. By participating in an approved study abroad program, students can earn credits toward their major as well as School of Arts and Sciences credits. Please consult the study abroad advisor in the French program for guidance in choosing a suitable program and for information on study broad scholarships and financial aid.

For information on Panther Programs and Pitt-recognized programs for study abroad, see www.abroad.pitt.edu/programs.html.

Checklist for the French major

- _____ FR 0001 (does not count toward major)
- _____ FR 0002 (does not count toward major)
- _____ FR 0003
- _____ FR 0004
- _____ FR 0020
- _____ FR 0021
- _____ FR 0027
- _____ FR 0055
- _____ FR 0056
- _____ FR 0058 (1-credit course)
- _____ FR 0058 (optional)
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- _____ FR _____ (FR 0003 or 1000-level in FR)
- _____ FR _____ (FR 0004 or 1000-level in FR)
- _____ FR 1 _____ (1000-level in FR)
- _____ FR 1 _____ (1000-level in FR)
- _____ FR 1 _____ (1000-level in ENG or FR)
- _____ FR _____ (W-course within the major)

Checklist for the French minor (15 credits)

Students can complete the minor in French with five courses chosen from the following list. Only one course may be in English. Students whose programs will include two or more courses taught in English should declare the French Studies minor

- _____ FR 0003 Intermediate French 1
- _____ FR 0004 Intermediate French 2
- _____ FR 0006 Special Topics in Conversation and Culture
- _____ FR 0020 France in the 21st Century
- _____ FR 0021 Approaches to French Literature
- _____ FR 0027 The French Atlantic
- _____ FR 0055 French Conversation
- _____ FR 0056 Written French 1
- _____ FR 0057 Written French 2
- _____ FR 0080 Modern French Novel **or**
- _____ FR 0085 French Film 1930-1960
- _____ FR 0081 French Theatre
- _____ FR 1000 through FR 1079 Level 4 electives on literary, cultural, or linguistic topics taught in French
- _____ FR 1084 Politics in Modern French Literature
- _____ FR 1085 Women's Voices in French Literature
- _____ FR 1088 Special Topics
- _____ FR 1089 Francophone Africana Literature

Checklist for the French Studies minor (15 credits)

Students can complete the minor in French Studies with five courses chosen from the following list.

- _____ FR 0003 Intermediate French 1
- _____ FR 0004 Intermediate French 2
- _____ FR 0006 Special Topics in Conversation and Culture
- _____ FR 0020 France in the 21st Century
- _____ FR 0021 Approaches to French Literature
- _____ FR 0027 The French Atlantic
- _____ FR 0055 French Conversation
- _____ FR 0056 Written French 1
- _____ FR 0057 Written French 2
- _____ FR 0080 through FR 0089 Level 3 electives on literary and cultural topics taught in English or French
- _____ FR 1000-1096 Level 4 electives on literary, cultural, or linguistic topics taught in English or French

Note: Students must apply for any official minor they will complete or have completed at the time they apply for graduation in the associate dean's office, 140 Thackeray Hall. The Department of French & Italian Languages & Literatures encourages students to declare their minors as early as possible so that they can receive information about the programs and invitations to special events.