



French Major and Minor

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A major in French gives students at the University of Pittsburgh the opportunity to acquire advanced proficiency in a foreign language and cultural literacy in French-speaking traditions from around the globe. Studying the French language and French-speaking cultures prepares students for graduate study in law and international affairs, advanced work in the humanities, and careers in business, governmental service, teaching, and any career with a global or transnational focus. 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, sociology, anthropology, film studies, GSWS, communication, environmental studies, chemistry, biology or economics. Students who choose to study the linguistics, literatures, film, media, art, and other cultural products of the Francophone world will acquire an invaluable technical resource and an in-depth knowledge of a diverse and foundational intellectual and cultural tradition. For more information on the major, or to find out more about the Department of French and Italian 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 (FR 0101 and FR 0102) courses do not count toward the major. Required credits are distributed as follows.

Core courses

Students must take all of the following courses.

FR 0220 France in the 21st Century

FR 0221 Reading French: Literature, Media, Culture

FR 0227 The French Atlantic

FR 0255 Speaking French: Atelier d'expression orale

FR 0256 Writing French: Atelier d'expression écrite

FR 0258 Advanced French Conversation

Note: Majors must take one credit of FR 0258 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 at least nine credits must be in courses taught in French. Intermediate French language courses (FR 0103 and FR 0104) and 00-level courses may be used to fulfill this requirement. Two 00-level courses in English may count as 1000-level courses by petition to the French advisor.

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 0258, on an S/NC basis.

Writing (W) requirement

Students must complete at least one W-course in the major. This course must be taught in French.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Advising

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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 Dietrich 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 0101 (does not count toward major)
- _____ FR 0102 (does not count toward major)
- _____ FR 0103
- _____ FR 0104
- _____ FR 0220
- _____ FR 0221
- _____ FR 0227
- _____ FR 0255
- _____ FR 0256
- _____ FR 0258 (1-credit course)
- _____ FR 0258 (optional)
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- _____ FR _____ (FR 0103 or 1000-level in French)
- _____ FR _____ (FR 0104 or 1000-level in French)
- _____ FR 1 _____ (1000-level in French)
- _____ FR 1 _____ (1000-level in English or French, or 00-level in English)
- _____ FR 1 _____ (1000-level in English or French, or 00-level in English)
- _____ FR _____ (W-course within the major)

Checklist for the French minor (15 credits)

French track

Students can complete the French track by completing five courses with the FR designation. The following list of courses meet the requirements for the French track. Only one course may be in English for this track. Students whose programs will include two or more courses in English should follow the French Studies track.

- _____ FR 0012 French Kiss
- _____ FR 0014 Introduction to French Canada
- _____ FR 0016 History of French Cinema
- _____ FR 0017 Paris: Urbanism Past and Present
- _____ FR 0080 Modern French Novel
- _____ FR 0088 Ailing Bodies Narratives of Health and Illness
- _____ FR 0090 Euro Chic: The Invention of Fashion
- _____ FR 0103 Intermediate French 1
- _____ FR 0104 Intermediate French 2
- _____ FR 0106 Special Topics in Conversation and Culture
- _____ FR 0220 France in the 21st Century
- _____ FR 0221 Reading French: Literature, Media, Culture
- _____ FR 0227 The French Atlantic
- _____ FR 0255 Speaking French: Atelier d'expression orale
- _____ FR 0256 Writing French: Ateleir d'expression écrite
- _____ FR 0258 Advanced French Conversation
- _____ FR 1001 through FR 1076, electives on literary, cultural,

French Studies track

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

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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 and Italian Languages and 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.