

FRENCH, BA

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) section of the Guide.

General Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breadth–Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits • Breadth–Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits • Breadth–Social Studies: 3 credits • Communication Part A & Part B * • Ethnic Studies * • Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *
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* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.

Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the fourth unit of a language other than English; OR • Complete the third unit of a language and the second unit of an additional language other than English.
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L&S Breadth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and • 12 credits of Social Science; and • 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course.
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Liberal Arts and Science Coursework	Complete at least 108 credits.
Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work	Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level.
Major	Declare and complete at least one major.
Total Credits	Complete at least 120 credits.
UW–Madison Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 credits in residence, overall; and • 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.
Quality of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,000 in all coursework at UW–Madison • 2,000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison

NON–L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non–L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

Students pursuing a French major must complete **27 credits** beyond FRENCH 204. Only one course taught in English can count towards the French Major.¹

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		9
FRENCH 228	Intermediate Language and Culture	
FRENCH 271	Literature, Comics, and Film in French	
FRENCH 321	Medieval and Early Modern French Literature ²	
	or FRENCH 322 Modern French and Francophone Literature	
	or FRENCH 347 Medieval and Early Modern Culture	
	or FRENCH 348 Modernity Studies	
	or FRENCH 361 Study Abroad: French/Francophone Literature	
	or FRENCH 362 Study Abroad: French/Francophone Civilization	
Elective Courses		18
FRENCH 211	French Literary and Interdisciplinary Studies ¹	
FRENCH/AFRICAN 216	Modern and Contemporary Francophone Topics ¹	
FRENCH 248	Ethnic Studies in the French/Francophone World(s) ¹	
FRENCH/GEN&WS 285	Rebellious Women from the Global South ¹	

FRENCH 288	Doctors without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières) ¹
FRENCH 298	Directed Study
FRENCH 299	Directed Study
FRENCH 301	Practical French Conversation
FRENCH 302	Practical French Conversation
FRENCH 311	Advanced Composition and Speaking
FRENCH 312	Advanced Writing Workshop
FRENCH/ INTL BUS 313	Professional Communication and Culture in the Francophone World
FRENCH/ INTL BUS 314	Contemporary Issues in Business, Government and NGOs
FRENCH 316	Study Abroad: Advanced French Language
FRENCH 321	Medieval and Early Modern French Literature
FRENCH 322	Modern French and Francophone Literature
FRENCH 325	Visual Culture in French/ Francophone Studies
FRENCH 345	French Fashion and Literature from the Middle Ages to Today ¹
FRENCH 347	Medieval and Early Modern Culture
FRENCH 348	Modernity Studies
FRENCH 350	Applied French Language Studies
FRENCH 361	Study Abroad: French/Francophone Literature
FRENCH 362	Study Abroad: French/Francophone Civilization
FRENCH 420	Topics in French: Study Abroad
FRENCH 430	Readings in Medieval and Renaissance Literature
FRENCH 431	Readings in Early Modern Literature
FRENCH/ AFRICAN 440	African/Francophone Film ¹
FRENCH 461	French/Francophone Literary Studies Across the Centuries
FRENCH 462	French/Francophone Cultural Studies Across the Centuries
FRENCH 464	Literature and Medicine in French-Speaking Cultures
FRENCH 465	French/Francophone Film
FRENCH 467	Aspects of Contemporary French Literature
FRENCH 567	Undergraduate Seminar in French/ Francophone Literary Studies
FRENCH 568	Undergraduate Seminar in French/ Francophone Cultural Studies
FRENCH 569	Critical Approaches to Literature and Culture: French and Francophone Perspectives
FRENCH 590	Introduction to Phonetics
FRENCH 630	The Age of Reason
FRENCH 631	17th-Century French Literature

FRENCH 639	17th-Century Literature
FRENCH 647	The 20th-Century French Novel
FRENCH 665	Introduction to Francophone Studies
FRENCH 672	Topics in Literature and Culture
FRENCH 681	Senior Honors Thesis
FRENCH 682	Senior Honors Thesis
FRENCH 691	Thesis
FRENCH 692	Thesis
FRENCH 698	Directed Study
FRENCH 699	Directed Study
LITTRANS 209	Masterpieces of French Literature and Culture ¹
LITTRANS 249	Literature in Translation: Nineteenth-Century French Masterpieces ¹
LITTRANS 302	What is Life? Biological Life in Literature and Culture ¹
LITTRANS 303	Topics in French Literature and Culture ¹

Total Credits**27****RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK**

- 2.000 GPA in all FRENCH and major courses
- 2.000 GPA on at least 15 credits of upper-level work in the major, taken in residence: (French 300 and higher are considered upper-level in the major)
- 15 credits in FRENCH taken on campus at UW–Madison

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Major in consultation with a French undergraduate advisor.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.500 GPA for all FRENCH courses and all courses counting in the major
- Complete at least 8 credits, taken for Honors, beyond FRENCH 271³
- Complete a two-semester Senior Honors Thesis in FRENCH 681 and FRENCH 682, for a total of 6 credits⁴

FOOTNOTES

- ¹ Only one course taught in English may count toward the French Major.
- ² FRENCH 361 and FRENCH 362 are only available to students participating in a study abroad program.
- ³ Study abroad in France or in another French-speaking country is highly recommended, and the 8 credits taken for Honors can be fulfilled through French courses taken abroad at the appropriate level.
- ⁴ In certain circumstances (particularly when the student is an Honors candidate in two or more departments), two courses in literature or

cultural studies numbered 500-599 or 600-699 may be substituted for the Senior Honors Thesis.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree	To receive a bachelor's degree from UW-Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.
Residency	Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW-Madison. "In residence" means on the UW-Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW-Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW-Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.
Quality of Work	Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.