

French BA

Overview

The **Bachelor of Arts in French**, offered by the Department of French, German, Italian and Slavic, helps students develop skills in reading, writing and oral communication while providing them with a rich understanding of the literature, cinema, history and traditions of one or more Francophone cultures. In all classes, students focus on communication and communities, comparisons and connection, and culture. As they improve their linguistic skills and study various forms of cultural production from other nations, French majors also strengthen their ability to analyze and interpret in a way that contributes to their education above and beyond courses they take for the major. Through study at Temple, often enhanced by study abroad, French majors gain insight into their own identities and assumptions in relation to others. Majors complete the program with an ability to communicate, a grounding in literary tradition, and an awareness of cultural differences that has become increasingly important in the contemporary world.

The French major is a good preparation for a career that requires analytical thinking and communication skills in general, which includes the domains of education, business, government service, travel and tourism. It is a good major or second major for students planning to attend law or medical school. Studies have shown that learning a foreign language helps raise scores on the LSAT, GRE and MCAT exams. This course of study also proves valuable to anyone who plans to work for a multinational corporation.

The French courses are often small, allowing students to get to know each other and their professors well. The program helps prepare students enrolled in the College of Education and Human Development for careers teaching French and provides the opportunity to students enrolled in the Fox School of Business and Management to acquire a certificate in French with a special course on French in the business world.

Campus Location: Main

Program Code: LA-FREN-BA

Distinction in Major

To be considered for Distinction in Major, students must:

- Complete the requirements for the concentration in French with a GPA of at least 3.50;
- Be recommended to the chair of the department by the French faculty advisor after consultation with the French faculty;
- Have an overall GPA of at least 3.25.

Study Abroad

Students declaring a major or minor in the department are encouraged to study abroad. Temple University has a summer program at the Sorbonne in Paris. Credits earned through the Temple Sorbonne Program may be used toward the French major, minor, certificate and for satisfaction of the GenEd World Society requirement.

Accelerated Program

Students have the opportunity to pursue the following 4+1 program: BA in French/MEd in Secondary Education with a Concentration in World/Foreign Languages Education.

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These requirements are for students who matriculated in academic year 2023-2024. Students who matriculated prior to fall 2023 should refer to the Archives to view the requirements for their *Bulletin* year.

Summary of Degree Requirements

University Requirements

- MATH 0701 (4 s.h.) and/or ENG 0701 (4 s.h.), if required by placement testing.
- All Temple students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive courses as part of the major. The specific courses required for this major are FREN 2096 and FREN 3096.
- Students must complete requirements of the General Education (GenEd) Program. See the General Education section of the *Undergraduate Bulletin* for more details.

College of Liberal Arts Requirements

- Completion of a minimum of 123 credits, including:
 - 90 credits in CLA/CST courses;
 - 45 credits of which must be at the upper level (numbered 2000-4999).
 - **Distribution Requirement for Humanities majors:** Six upper level credits must be earned in the Social Science, Science, and/or interdisciplinary subject areas. Select from the following CLA departments and programs: Africology & African American Studies, American Studies, Anthropology, Asian Studies, Criminal Justice, Economics, Environmental Studies, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, Geography and Urban Studies, Global Studies, History, Jewish Studies, Latin American Studies, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies, Liberal Arts, Neuroscience (CLA), Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology, or any department in the College of Science and Technology.
- A minimum GPA of 2.0, cumulatively, in all CLA/CST coursework, and in the major department.
- Only courses in which a student receives a grade of at least C- can satisfy GenEd, major, minor, or CLA Foreign Language and Global Studies requirements.
- **Professional Development Requirement**
 - All students in the College of Liberal Arts are required to take a 1 credit seminar in professional development. CLA 1002 Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors is the appropriate course option for this major. Other courses that fulfill this requirement may be found on the CLA College Requirements page. Only one course in this category may count towards graduation.
- **Foreign Language/Global Studies Requirements:**
 - The requirements for the major in French exceed the CLA minimum for this requirement.
 - **Notes on Foreign Language Study**
 - The third level of language is numbered 1003 in French, Spanish, and Portuguese and numbered 2001 in all other foreign language subjects.
 - Students are strongly encouraged to take the third level of a foreign language as it is the minimum required for election to the prestigious honor society *Phi Beta Kappa*. (Taking the course does not guarantee admission but not taking it guarantees exclusion.)
 - See the College of Liberal Arts Policies section of this *Bulletin* for more information on the Foreign Language Placement, Regression in Coursework, and guidelines for students' other experiences with language.

General Electives are typically one-third of a student's program of study and can be focused on a second major, a minor, or towards some other personal enrichment or professional goals. See an academic advisor for assistance in developing an academic plan for these courses.

Major Requirements: Ten courses in French (30 credits)

Prerequisites: FREN 1001, FREN 1002, and FREN 1003 with a minimum grade of C or equivalent placement.

Course levels are incremental in skills and content. Courses must be taken sequentially or in some instances may be taken concurrently. Students who initially place beyond FREN 1003 may begin with FREN 2001 or a course beyond 2001, as appropriate.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
FREN 2001	Intermediate	3
FREN 2041	Reading I	3
FREN 2096	Composition I (WI)	3
FREN 3096	Composition II (WI)	3
FREN 3101	Survey of French Literature I	3

FREN 3102	Survey of French Literature II	3
Two French 4000-level courses		6
One French elective numbered 2002-4999		3
One French elective numbered 3000-4999		3
Total Credit Hours		30

Suggested Academic Plan

Please note that this is a suggested academic plan. Depending on your situation, your academic plan may look different.

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Suggested Plan for New Students Starting in the 2023-2024 Academic Year

Year 1		
Fall		Credit Hours
ENG 0802	Analytical Reading and Writing	4
or ENG 0812	or Analytical Reading and Writing: ESL	
or ENG 0902	or Honors Writing About Literature	
GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course ^{GQ}		4
FREN 1001	Introduction to French I	4
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
IH 0851	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life	3
or IH 0951	or Honors Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life	
FREN 1002	Introduction to French II	4
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Credit Hours		16
Year 2		
Fall		
FREN 1003	Introduction to French III	3
IH 0852	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good	3
or IH 0952	or Honors Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good	
CLA 1002	Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors	1
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		2
One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College		2
Credit Hours		17
Spring		
GenEd Breadth Course		3
FREN 2001	Intermediate	3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
Credit Hours		15
Year 3		
Fall		
CLA/CST 2000+ Social Science/CST Course		3
FREN 2041	Reading I	3
FREN 2096	Composition I	3
One 2002-4999 French Elective		3

CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Spring	
CLA/CST 2000+ Social Science/CST Course	3
FREN 3096 Composition II	3
FREN 3101 Survey of French Literature I	3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective	3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Year 4	
Fall	
One French course at the 3000 level or higher	3
FREN 3102 Survey of French Literature II	3
CLA/CST 2000-4999 Course	3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective	3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Spring	
One French course at the 4000 level	3
One French course at the 4000 level	3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective	3
One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College	3
One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College	3
Credit Hours	15
Total Credit Hours	123