

FRENCH*

Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in French*

Minor in French & Francophone Studies

* A major name change to **French and Francophone Studies** is pending. Contact program director for information.

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The Program

The French major emphasizes the use of the French language through a curriculum that closely relates the classroom to the Francophone world; that is, everywhere that French is spoken. Creating a personal environment, French-speaking faculty and students participate in film, creative writ-

ing, and cultural workshops and retreats. In small classroom settings students study the literature and culture of France and expand their horizons to cultures of such Francophone regions as West Africa, North Africa, Quebec, Louisiana, the Caribbean, and Vietnam. Visiting literary critics, artists, consular officials, and guests from various regions of the French-speaking world complement classroom studies. Videos, films, and computer software are integral to the program on the HSU campus.

Core courses prepare students to read, understand, speak and write the French language with advanced proficiency and to understand the rich fabric of Francophone cultures throughout the world. Several of these courses focus on different themes each year, allowing students to gain an in-depth understanding of those issues particularly relevant to their academic goals and future careers.

Study abroad in a Francophone country is required of all majors. Three Study Abroad programs designed by our French and

Francophone Studies faculty offer a wide range of Francophone language immersion and cultural experience. Students may study in Montpellier, France in the **Summer in France Program**. Over winter break, they may choose to participate in the **Morocco Study Program** and study Arabic and Moroccan culture while living with a Moroccan family. Our department also developed the year-long **Bilateral Student Exchange Program at the Université Paul Valéry** in Montpellier, France, for more advanced students.

In many Francophone regions of the world, the French language and French governmental and educational systems give local communities access to global opportunities. In fact, the common language of the continent of Africa is considered by many cultures to be French. Throughout the world, French is one of the most significant languages of diplomacy, communication and culture. At the same time, our French program recognizes that in the Francophone world, **other languages and indigenous cultures** have valuable alternative perspectives important

for our students, as future national and global leaders, to understand and consider. For this reason, majors are also encouraged to study a second language spoken in a Francophone region, such as Arabic, Wolof, Pulaar, or Creole.

Other complementary major courses offer comparative world views from both within and outside the Francophone world, as well as peer tutoring and translation projects.

Career possibilities for majors include Peace Corps volunteer, non-governmental organization official or employee, interpreter, teacher, ESL teacher, foreign service diplomat, United Nations employee, foreign correspondent, travel agent, airline employee, international business person or banker, literary translator, Francophone country tour guide, museum curator [in conjunction with art history studies], import/export business owner. In the new global economy, many other careers also demand the intercultural expertise acquired by French and Francophone Studies majors.

Preparation

Students should have a good background in English grammar and syntax. Three years of high school studies in French (equivalent to three semesters of university French) allow students to get a head start on the major, but students may also take these courses (FREN 105, 106, and 107) once they begin their studies at HSU.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

Note: All courses are taught in the target language except as noted.

Minimum of 42 units, including the Core Courses, Study Abroad, and other Additional Coursework. Courses designated R may be repeated for the major.

Lower Division Core

- FREN 207 French IV & Intro to Francophone Studies
- FREN 280 French Conversation & Retreat - R

Upper Division Core

- FREN 300 African Storytelling
- FREN 311 French V & Stories from the Francophone World
- FREN 312 French VI and (R)evolution in Modern French Literature - R
- FREN 314 Cultural History Topics in Early French Masterpieces - R
- FREN 340 Topics in Francophone Culture - R
- FREN 341 Current Event Topics in the Francophone World - R

- FREN 390 Topics in Cinema of the Francophone World - R

Required Study Abroad

Language, culture, history, and/or internship approved by advisor. Options include:

Summer in France Program in Montpellier, France [4 weeks in France]

- FREN 321 Intensive French Language in France
- FREN 322 Cultural Journal in France
- FREN 323 Culture & Civilization in France

Morocco Study Program in Rabat, Morocco [4 weeks in Morocco]

- FREN 324 Introduction to Arabic Language in Morocco
- FREN 325 French Cultural Journal in Morocco
- FREN 326 Culture & Civilization in Morocco

Language & Cultural Study in a Francophone region (French or a second language, such as Arabic in Morocco, Wolof or Pulaar in Senegal) [Minimum 4 weeks with advisor approval.]

- FREN 324 Intro to Language OR Intensive French Language: Regional Studies
- FREN 325 French Cultural Journal: Regional Studies
- FREN 326 Culture & Civilization: Regional Studies

Francophone Internship Abroad

- FREN 430 Francophone Internship Abroad

Students work with advisor to plan an internship project in a Francophone country such as Senegal or Morocco. Must be combined with other Study Abroad units to total 8 minimum to 12 maximum units earned abroad.

Students may also study abroad for one semester or one academic year with such programs as the HSU Bilateral Exchange Program at the Université Paul Valéry Montpellier, France; CSU International Programs (IP) study abroad in Aix-en-Provence or Paris; National Student Exchange (NSE) in Quebec; or the CIEE Program in Senegal. Study Abroad languages may be French, Arabic, Wolof, Pulaar, or another Francophone African or Caribbean language. For students who qualify, scholarships and financial aid are available for Study Abroad programs.

Other Major Courses for the completion of the minimum 42-unit major:

- FREN 306 */GERM, SPAN, WS 306* Sex, Class, & Culture: Gender & Ethnic Issues in International Short Stories
- FREN 310 Nouvelles en français
- FREN 370 French Weekend Retreat
- FREN 410 Bilingual African Newsletter
- FREN 420 French Peer Tutoring
- FREN 480 Special Topics
- FREN 492 Senior Honors Thesis or Project
- FREN 499 Directed Study

* Course taught in English for the wider university audience.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR IN FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES

The minor emphasizes French language proficiency as well as Francophone cultural studies appropriate to the individual student's academic and career objectives.

Twenty units including:

- FREN 107 French Level III
- FREN 207 French IV & Intro to Francophone Studies
- FREN 311 French V & Stories from the Francophone World
- FREN 312 French VI and (R)evolution in Modern French Literature

Plus 4 units of additional upper-division French & Francophone Studies coursework listed in the major above, selected with the approval of the minor advisor.

