

FRENCH & FRANCOPHONE STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in French & Francophone Studies

Minor in French & Francophone Studies

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The Program

Students completing this program will have demonstrated:

- analysis, acknowledgement, and respect of cultural expressions and worldviews of others
- the capacity to be responsible, productive and compassionate global citizens in a fragile world
- cultural and linguistic competency
- the ability to collaboratively formulate and solve problems
- independent and critical thinking.

The French and Francophone Studies 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 writing, 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.

The program prepares 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. Courses focus on different themes each year, allowing students to gain an in-depth understanding of issues particularly relevant to their academic goals and future careers.

Students in the major are required to study abroad in France or in a Francophone country. There are many outstanding opportunities to complete this requirement in a meaningful way.

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.

Career possibilities. French and Francophone studies majors can work nationally and internationally in the following areas: 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.

The program prepares students to take advantage of many opportunities for volunteering in international organizations such as the Peace Corps.

Special Scholarship and Awards. The Department of World Languages and Cultures has three permanent scholarships and awards:

- The Benavides-Garb Family International Travel Award
- The Joe and Helen Bottino Memorial Travel Award
- The Budig-Markin Family Francophone African Studies Award
- The Frank B. Wood Scholarship

All language students are encouraged to apply for these important scholarships and awards to enhance language studies with an international residence. See the department web page for further information.

Preparation

All students, with or without any previous French language background, are welcome to the program. Students without previous French language background will have the opportunity to acquire the language from the beginning, following the language course sequence: FREN 105, FREN 106, FREN 107, and FREN 207. Students with prior language background will have a head start on the major. Discuss your particular level with a faculty advisor.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below for the major, please see "The Bachelor's Degree" section of the catalog, pp. 67-82.

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

Unit Requirements

Total units in the major: 42
(includes required courses, major electives and study abroad)

Total units required for the degree: 120

Required Courses (24-28 units)

Lower Division

- FREN 107 (4) French Level III
FREN 207 (4) French IV & Intro to Francophone Studies

Upper Division

- FREN 310 (2-4) Nouvelles en français: Variable Topics
FREN 311 (4) French V & Stories from the Francophone World
FREN 312 (4) French VI & (R)evolution in Modern French Lit (Rep)
FREN 314 (4) Cultural History Topics in Early French Masterpieces (Rep)
FREN 340 (2-4) Topics in Francophone Culture (Rep)

Major Elective Courses (14-18 units)

Complete as many elective courses as needed to meet the minimum 42 units required for the major:

- FREN 280 (2-3) French Conversation & Retreat (Rep)

* Course taught in English.

** Course taught in French or English.

(Rep) Course may be repeated for the major.

FREN 300* (3-4) African Storytelling
 FREN 306*/GERM, SPAN, WS 306* (3)
 Sex, Class & Culture:
 Gender & Ethnic Issues in
 International Short Stories
 FREN 341** (2) Current Event Topics in the
 Francophone World (Rep)
 FREN 370 (1) French Weekend Retreat
 FREN 390* (1-2) Topics in Cinema of the
 Francophone World (Rep)
 FREN 420 (1-3) French Peer Tutoring
 FREN 480 (1-4) Special Topics
 FREN 492 (3) Senior Honors Thesis or
 Project
 FREN 499 (1-4) Directed Study

Required Study Abroad

Complete an approved academic semester program abroad in France or in a Francophone country, equivalent to at least 12 units and normally lasting at least 10 weeks. Students are encouraged to efficiently plan their academic residency abroad to complete major and general education requirements. Program must be selected in consultation with and approved by the major advisor. Students are expected to complete their final semester in residence at Humboldt State University.

Students may study abroad for one summer semester, a regular semester, or one academic year with such programs as the HSU faculty-led programs, the HSU Bilateral Exchange Program at the Université Paul Valéry Montpellier, France; CSU International Programs (IP) study abroad in Aix-en-Provence or Paris; or a semester program in Senegal. Study Abroad languages may be French, Arabic, Wolof, Pulaar, or another Francophone African or Caribbean language.

Cost of residency abroad varies according to program and world region. Be sure to understand the costs involved and plan ahead. Consult with the HSU Center for International Programs.

Under exceptional circumstances the residency abroad requirement can be waived by the major advisor.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR

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

Total units required for the minor: 20

Required Courses (16 units)

FREN 107 (4) French Level III
 FREN 207 (4) French IV & Intro to
 Francophone Studies
 FREN 311 (4) French V & Stories from
 the Francophone World
 FREN 312 (4) French VI and (R)evolution
 in Modern French
 Literature

Upper Division Elective Courses (4 units)

Complete an additional 4 units of upper-division French & Francophone Studies coursework selected with the approval of the minor advisor:

