

Interested in This Major?

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Why Study French?

French is spoken today by more than 200 million people throughout the world. In addition to France, it is the official language of many other European countries, African nations and several Caribbean islands. Canada is officially bilingual. Numerous Latin American and Asian countries also have historical and cultural ties with France and populations where French is the native language.

French is considered an international language and is one of the official working languages in many diplomatic and international organizations, including the United Nations, Doctors Without Borders, the International Olympic Committee, the World Health Organization, the International Red Cross and the World Trade Organization.

As a political and business superpower in the world, France has long been one of the top ten economies. It is an important partner with the U.S., and numerous American companies have a presence in France (and vice versa). Ford, McDonald's, Disney, Coca-Cola and Brinks are just a handful of the corporations that employ thousands of people in France. It is a known leader in the high-tech

and scientific fields and has a long and storied history in the arts, architecture, design, cuisine and fashion.

Second-language acquisition provides a greater understanding of how to use English more ef-

fectively, particularly when the two languages share linguistic roots as French and English do. These are all essential skills, professionally and personally.

Career Opportunities

UWM courses in the French program have an international focus valuable to careers in international business, government foreign service, teaching, translation and interpretation, marketing and the travel industry. Combining the study of French with a technical or science background can open up career paths in technology, information management, or research.

Major Requirements

Students new to French begin their study of language with French 103. Students who have previously studied French may begin at a more advanced level by taking a placement test. It is possible to receive up to 14 retroactive French credits if, after placing in a higher-level course, you pass with a grade of B or better.

UWM's French program offers language, grammar, literature and civilization/culture courses, including both conversation and composition classes.

The major in French consists of 27 credits, including at least 15 numbered above 300 and taken in residence at UWM. The Department offers two options: the French and Francophone option and the French Translation option. Both tracks require coursework through the fourth-semester of French language or its equivalent and the following:

Course #	Course Title
French 324	Contemporary French Language and Culture
French 325	Intensive Grammar & Usage
French 332	Approaches to Poetry and Fiction

Studying a second language is known to improve problem-solving abilities, memory, and reading and oral comprehension.



Two of the following:	
French 428	Castles, Cathedrals and Common People: The Foundations of French Culture
French 429	Royalty, Reason and Revolution: The Golden Age of French Culture
French 430	Reaction and Innovation: French Culture of the 19th and 20th Centuries

The French and Francophone option also requires twelve additional credits numbered 350 and above, while the French Translation option requires:

French 415	Intro to Translation: French to English
French 465 or French 515	Intro to Translation: English to French
	Advanced Translation: French to English
One French elective numbered 350 or above	
One French elective numbered 400 and above	

All majors are required to pass an advanced language proficiency exam, which they should take during the semester in which they complete 18 credits in the major.

French and Business French Minor

UWM offers a regular French minor and a business French minor. The business French minor is for non-business majors who want a background in business concepts in preparation for an international business career. Coursework includes accounting and marketing classes from UWM's Lubar School of Business, classes in the practical and professional use of French in the course of business, and cultural classes. The requirements total 18 to 19 credits.

The regular minor in French consists of a minimum of 18 credits, including intermediate levels of language, conversation, composition and culture.

French and Francophone Certificate

A certificate is similar to a minor but is open to non-French majors and even non-degree seeking students. To obtain the certificate, students complete 18 credits in approved courses including:

3 credits in a French language course 200 or above
3 additional humanities credits
6 credits in social sciences
6 credits in courses dealing with Europe
6 credits in courses dealing with Francophone areas outside of Europe
9 credits in courses numbered 300 or above

Students must achieve a 2.75 GPA or higher in courses that satisfy program requirements.

Scholarships

Emanuelle Leah Fetter Memorial Scholarship. Awarded to a French major or minor for academic excellence and need.

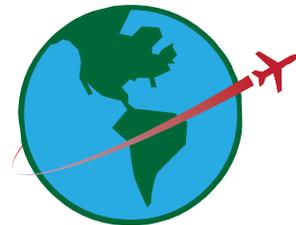
Emanuelle Leah Fetter Merit Scholarship. Awarded to a deserving student who participates in a study abroad program in France or in a Francophone country. Merit and need determine this award.

Marielle Schirmer Scholarship. Awarded to deserving students who are studying both French and German as their major/minor.

Martha Best / Martine Meyer Scholarship. Awarded to future teachers of French based on excellence, commitment and need.

Study Abroad

UWM offers study abroad programs to Paris, Orléans, Québec City and Montréal, among other cities. Our overseas opportunities include:



Paris Semester Study Abroad.

This spring-semester program offers studies in French language and literature, art, history, geography and politics; a teaching internship in French school; and the opportunity to take a business class at a French business school.

Summer in Paris. This one-month language and civilization program uses the city of Paris and its world-class museums and monuments as the learning environment.

Université de Paris Dauphine. This exchange offers a mix of courses in French and English in the study of business, literature and history.

Sciences Politiques Exchange. An academic-year exchange for advanced French speakers with strong social science backgrounds (political science, international studies, history) offered at one of France's most prestigious institutions.

NEGOCIA Exchange. A spring semester focused on business and marketing, with courses taught in English. Additional courses are available for advanced French speakers.

MICEFA Exchange. An academic year or spring semester immersion program for advanced French speakers.

Student Organizations and Events

Mu Gamma is the UWM Chapter of Pi Delta Phi, the National French Honor Society. The society seeks to recognize outstanding scholarship in the French language and its literatures, increase the knowledge and appreciation of Americans for the cultural contributions of the French-speaking world, and stimulate and encourage French and Francophone cultural activities. For scholarship information, go to: www.pideltaphi.org

The annual UWM Festival of Films in French celebrates the diversity and global reach of French-language cinema and is a popular event for students and community members. All films are in French and other languages with English subtitles, and most are free.



This sample four-year plan shows just one possible pathway to earning a degree with this major in four years. This plan **does not** replace the advice of your advisor, and students are cautioned to meet regularly with their advisor to create a personalized plan that matches their particular circumstances. This plan also follows the degree requirements for students who began their college education in Fall of 2013 or later. If you started college prior to Fall of 2013, your degree requirements may be different.

Degree Requirements (brief summary):

- English Proficiency and UWM Oral and Written Communication (OWC) GER - English 102 (fulfills Part A) and one OWC-Part B course.
 - Math Proficiency, UWM Quantitative Literacy (QL) GER, and Formal Reasoning – two courses can satisfy all three requirements. Some courses have prerequisites, however, so a student may end up taking more than two total classes depending on his/her placement test scores. Students will usually take Math 103, 105, or 108 AND three credits in either a 200-level or above math course, Philosophy 211, or an approved Letters & Science statistics course.
 - Foreign Language – 4 semesters of a single Foreign Language (or 3 semesters of one language and 2 semesters of another language) (May be satisfied through 4 years of a single Foreign Language in high school.)
 - L&S Humanities – 12 credits
 - L&S Social Sciences – 12 credits
 - L&S Natural Science – 12 credits including one laboratory
 - L&S International – 9 credits usually accomplished in conjunction with Humanities and/or Social Science courses
 - UWM Arts GER – 3 credits
 - UWM Cultural Diversity GER – 3 credits usually accomplished in conjunction with a Humanities or Social Science course
 - 120 credits including 90 credits in L&S and with 36 of the 90 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses
 - Complete the French major requirements in either the French and Francophone option or the French Translation option
 - 27 credits with at least 15 at the 300-level or above completed at UWM
 - All of French 324, 325, 332
 - Two of French 428, 429, 430
- French and Francophone option
- 12 credits French electives at the 350-level or above
- French Translation option
- French 415
 - One of French 465 or 515
 - 3 credits French Elective at the 350-level or above
 - 3 credits French Elective at the 400-level or above

Sample Four Year Plans:

There are hundreds of courses that satisfy various requirements and courses can count towards more than one requirement. For example, French 324 counts towards the major and as a humanities. (This sample assumes no high school Foreign Language was taken and that the student placed into college-level math and English.)

French and Francophone Option

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 1	English 101	English 102 (OWC-A)
	Math 103 or 105 (QL-A)	Philos 211 (HU) (QL-B) (formal reasoning)
	French 103	French 104
	L&S Humanities, not French	L&S Natural Science
	L&S Social Science	Arts GER
Year 2	OWC-B course	L&S Social Science
	French 203 (Int'l)	French 204 (Int'l)
	L&S Natural Science with lab	L&S Natural Science
	L&S Social Science	French 303 (HU) (CD)
	Elective	Elective
Year 3	French 324 (HU)	French 332
	French 325	French 350 or above
	L&S Social Science	L&S upper-level
	L&S Natural Science	Elective
	Elective	Elective
Year 4	French 430	French 428 or 429
	French 350 or above	French 350 or above
	French 350 or above	L&S upper-level
	Elective	Elective
	Elective	Elective

(HU) Humanities GER

(Int'l) International GER

(QL) Quantitative Literacy - Part A or B

(OWC) Oral and Written Communication - Part A or B

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French Translation Option

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 1	English 101	English 102 (OWC-A)
	Math 103 or 105 (QL-A)	Philos 211 (HU) (QL-B) (formal reasoning)
	French 103	French 104
	L&S Humanities, not French	L&S Natural Science
	L&S Social Science	Arts GER
Year 2	OWC-B course	L&S Social Science
	French 203 (Int'l)	French 204 (Int'l)
	L&S Natural Science with lab	L&S Natural Science
	L&S Social Science	French 303 (HU) (CD)
	Elective	Elective
Year 3	French 324 (HU)	French 332
	French 325	French 415
	L&S Social Science	L&S upper-level
	L&S Natural Science	Elective
	Elective	Elective
Year 4	French 430	French 465 or 515
	French 350 or above	French 428 or 429
	French 400 or above	L&S upper-level
	Elective	Elective
	Elective	Elective

(HU) Humanities GER

(Int'l) International GER

(QL) Quantitative Literacy - Part A or B

(OWC) Oral and Written Communication - Part A or B