

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 Budig-Markin Family Francophone African Studies Award
- The Frank B. Wood Scholarship

All language students are encouraged to apply to 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. 66-80.

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

Minimum of 42 units, including the Core Courses, Electives, and Study Abroad.

Lower Division Core (8 units)

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

Upper Division Core (16-20 units)

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

Major Elective Courses (14-18 units)

For the completion of the minimum 42-unit major:

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

* Course taught in English.

** Course taught in French or English.

(Rep) Course may be repeated for the major.

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. Program must be selected in consultation with and approved by the major advisor.

Residency abroad must be completed by the end of the first semester of a student's senior year (generally fall). Residency abroad may not occur during a student's last semester; students are expected to complete their final semester in residence at Humboldt State University.

Students may also 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.

Students are encouraged to efficiently plan the academic residency abroad requirement to complete, when possible, university general educational requirements too. Under exceptional circumstances the residency abroad requirement can be waived by the major advisor.

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 (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

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

