

FRENCH - BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

Beyond providing mastery of the language skills (listening, speaking, reading, writing), the main objective of the French program is to develop students' awareness of the French and Francophone cultural tradition. Our coursework exposes majors and minors to the wealth of cultural experiences in the French-speaking world and gives students a solid knowledge of French and Francophone thought, literature, arts and visual media.

Survey courses and upper-division seminars offer a range of exposure to the French cultural past and the vast ethnic and national diversity of the French-speaking present. The major explores distinctly French contributions to world culture and allows students to familiarize themselves with the history, forms, and conventions of a rich literary and artistic tradition. In addition to covering a broad range of historical periods, trans-cultural approaches, and topics ranging from Enlightenment political thought to animal studies and France's relations with the Muslim world, the French curriculum brings far-flung periods and places to life. It links analysis of contemporary cultural phenomena with more distant historical epochs and texts. Medieval epic is studied in tandem with "Game of Thrones," for example, or the history of Caribbean slavery with the figure of the Zombie. All courses for the major and minor are interdisciplinary and associate elements of other disciplines such as media studies, art history, science studies, philosophy, sociology, ecology or anthropology with the study of literary texts and other cultural artifacts.

Recent course topics include FREN 1200 Medieval Epic Through Game of Thrones; FREN 1900 Modern Paris in Literature, Photographs, Paintings and Movies; FREN 1880 The Zombie in History and Popular Culture; FREN 3800 France and the Muslim World; FREN 4110 French Special Topics: Tourists, Exiles and other Outsiders; FREN 4700 Encountering Animals: contemporary Discourse and the Dialog of Species.

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Note: Students undertaking a major in French should expect to have regular conferences with a college advisor to ensure that they are making adequate progress and that requirements are being met in a timely way. The department will not certify majors for graduation when a failure to satisfy requirements is the fault of the student.

A minimum of 30 upper-division credit hours in French must be completed (see below for specific courses). FREN 2120 or its equivalent is the prerequisite for admission to courses required for the major.

Required Courses and Credits

Code	Title	Credit Hours
FREN 3010	French Phonetics and Pronunciation	3
FREN 3050 or FREN 3060	French Composition 1 French Composition 2	3
FREN 3100	Introduction to Critical Reading and Writing in French Literature	3
FREN 3110 or FREN 3120	Main Currents of French Literature 1 Main Currents of French Literature 2	3
Six or more other courses at the 3000 or 4000 level, of which 9 credit hours must be at the 4100 level or above (6 of which must be completed at CU)		18
FREN 4990	Senior Seminar ¹	
Total Credit Hours		30

¹ Note: The seminar runs concurrently with one of the three courses taken at the 4100 level or above. See departmental brochure for details.

Honors Requirements

Honors candidates must meet all of the regular requirements for the major plus the following:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
FREN 3200	Introduction to Literary Theory and Advanced Critical Analysis	3
One semester of independent study ¹		3
Total Credit Hours		6

¹ NOTE: The semester of independent study is taken concurrently with FREN 4980, and is devoted to one-on-one work on the senior honors thesis with a faculty advisor. See department for details.

Graduating in Four Years

Consult the four-year guarantee requirements for information on eligibility. The concept of "adequate progress" as it is used here only refers to maintaining eligibility for the four-year guarantee; it is not a requirement for the major. To maintain adequate progress in French, students should meet the following requirements (one option):

First Year

- Fall semester: FREN 1010 Beginning French 1 (if needed; does not fulfill French major course requirements)
- Spring semester: FREN 1020 Beginning French 2 (if needed; does not fulfill French major course requirements)

Second Year

- Fall semester: FREN 2110 Second-Year French Grammar Review and Reading 1 (if needed; does not fulfill French major course requirements)
- Spring semester: FREN 2120 Second-Year French Grammar Review and Reading 2 (prerequisite for courses required for French major, but does not fulfill major course requirements); FREN 3010 French Phonetics and Pronunciation, 3 credits total required.

Third Year

- Fall semester: FREN 3050 French Composition 1; upper-division (3000 level and up) course, 6 credits total required
- Spring semester: FREN 3060 French Composition 2; FREN 3100 Introduction to Critical Reading and Writing in French Literature; FREN 3110 Main Currents of French Literature 1 or FREN 3120 Main Currents of French Literature 2; upper-division (3000 level and up) FREN course, 9 credits total required.

Fourth Year

- Fall semester: FREN 4990 Senior Seminar; upper-division (3000 level and up) FREN course, 6 credits total required.
- Spring semester: FREN 4100 or higher (3 credits required); upper-division (3000 level and up) FREN course, 6 credits total required.

Note: Completion of French requirements includes the successful written and oral presentation of a senior essay (FREN 4990) by the end of the fourth (senior) year.

Recommended Four-Year Plan of Study

Through the required course work for the major, students will complete all 12 credits of the Arts & Humanities area of the Gen Ed Distribution Requirement.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Year One		
Fall Semester		
FREN 1010	Beginning French 1 (If needed, does not fulfill French major course requirements)	5
	Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: Lower-division Written Communication)	3
	Gen. Ed. Distribution/Diversity course (example: Social Sciences/US Perspective)	3
	Elective/MAPS	3
	Elective	1-3
Credit Hours		15-17
Spring Semester		
FREN 1020	Beginning French 2 (If needed, does not fulfill French major course requirements)	5
	Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: QRMS)	3
	Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences with Lab)	4
	Elective/MAPS	3
Credit Hours		15
Year Two		
Fall Semester		
FREN 2110	Second-Year French Grammar Review and Reading 1 (If needed, does not fulfill French major course requirements)	3
	Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Social Sciences)	3
	Elective/MAPS	3
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	Elective	3
Credit Hours		15

Spring Semester

FREN 2120	Second-Year French Grammar Review and Reading 2 (prereq for courses required for French major but does not fulfill major course requirements)	3
FREN 3010	French Phonetics and Pronunciation	3
	Gen. Ed. Distribution/Diversity course (example: Social Sciences/Global Perspective)	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
Credit Hours		15

Year Three**Fall Semester**

FREN 3050	French Composition 1	3
	FREN Upper Division course	3
	Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: Upper-division Written Communication)	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
Credit Hours		15

Spring Semester

FREN 3100	Introduction to Critical Reading and Writing in French Literature	3
FREN 3110	Main Currents of French Literature 1 or FREN 3120 or Main Currents of French Literature 2	3
	FREN Upper Division course	3
	Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)	3
	Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Social Sciences)	3
	FREN 3060 French Composition 2	3
Credit Hours		18

Year Four**Fall Semester**

FREN 4990	Senior Seminar	3
	FREN course 4100 or higher	3
	FREN Upper Division course	3
	Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)	3
	Upper-division Elective	3
Credit Hours		15

Spring Semester

	FREN course 4100 or higher	3
	FREN course 3000 or higher	3
	Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)	3
	Upper-division Elective	3
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Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours		123-125

Learning Outcomes

The undergraduate degree in French emphasizes knowledge and awareness of:

- Critical thinking
- Significant works of textual and visual culture in the French-speaking world

- A range of French Literature, its historical and cultural context seen from an interdisciplinary perspective (in relation with art, philosophy, religion) as well as methods of literary and other media analysis
- Contemporary French culture, politics and current events

In addition, students completing their degrees in French are expected to acquire the ability and skills to:

- Speak and understand modern French both in daily life and academic settings
- Read and write modern standard French for all academic and professional settings
- Follow with reasonable comprehension French broadcasts and films
- Analyze and interpret texts or visual representations
- Become familiar with a range of cultural expressions and literary genres
- Become familiar with critical methodologies

Bachelor's–Accelerated Master's Degree Program(s)

The Bachelor's–Accelerated Master's (BAM) degree program options offer currently enrolled CU Boulder undergraduate students the opportunity to receive a bachelor's and master's degree in a shorter period of time. Students receive the bachelor's degree first, but begin taking graduate coursework as undergraduates (typically in their senior year). Because some courses are allowed to double count for both the bachelor's and the master's degrees, students receive a master's degree in less time and at a lower cost than if they were to enroll in a stand-alone master's degree program after completion of their baccalaureate degree. In addition, staying at CU Boulder to pursue a bachelor's–accelerated master's program enables students to continue working with their established faculty mentors.

BA and MA in French

The Bachelor's Accelerated Masters (BAM) degree program in French is normally a five-year program designed for currently enrolled CU Boulder students.

The BAM program is administered jointly by the Graduate School and the French and Italian Department. The department assumes primary administrative authority and responsibility reflecting the full authority and standards of both the undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Admissions Requirements

Initial admission to the program typically occurs during the junior year. Minimum standards for admission require a cum GPA of 3.0 and completion of all MAPS deficiencies. Any student inquiring should consult a college advisor and the Associate Chair for Graduate Studies in the French and Italian Department for details. Students admitted to the BAM program will be admitted at undergraduate status.

In order to gain admission to the BAM program named above, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Must be a full-time CU Boulder student
- Transfer students must complete at least 24 credit hours as a degree seeking student before applying

Program Requirements

Students may take up to and including 12 hours while in the undergraduate program which can later be used toward the master's degree. A total of nine credits may be double counted, with the advice from the Associate Chair of Graduate Studies. Students must apply to graduate with the bachelor's degree, and apply to continue with the master's degree, early in the semester in which the undergraduate requirements will be completed.¹

To comply with Title IV Higher Education regulations, CU Boulder students pursuing a BAM degree will automatically be changed to graduate status after the completion of 130 credit hours (or 145 credit hours for a student in the College of Engineering and Applied Science). It is important to note that transfer and advanced placement hours are included when determining the total credit hours completed. Students at graduate status are assessed graduate tuition rates and are no longer eligible for COF. In addition, graduate students receiving financial aid are considered "independent" and are no longer eligible for aid requiring undergraduate status.

If you are interested in the BAM degree program, please contact the Associate Chair of Graduate Studies and the graduate program for more information.

¹ Students who were admitted prior to July 2019 follow a concurrent BAM structure, and the two degrees are awarded simultaneously when requirements for both degrees are met.