

French & Francophone Studies Major Requirements

Required Units: 99

Prerequisites

Elementary-level proficiency in French. This is equivalent to the completion of two courses (two at the 100-level) or CMU internal placement test scores.

Curricular Requirements (99 units)

1. Core Courses in Languages, Cultures & Applied Linguistics (LCAL) (3 courses, 27 units)

- a. Two 9-unit courses in LCAL from the following list:
 - i. 82-282 Interpreting Global Texts and Cultures
 - ii. 82-283 Language Diversity and Cultural Identity
- b. 82-580 Languages, Cultures & Applied Linguistics Seminar

The Senior Seminar serves as an opportunity for students to reflect upon their cumulative language and cultural learning experiences while building a bridge between their work in LCAL, their additional fields of study and their roles as global citizens.

2. Foundational Courses in French & Francophone Studies (6 courses, 54 units)

- a. 82-201 Intermediate French I or 82-203 Intermediate French I Online
- b. 82-202 Intermediate French II or 82-204 Intermediate French II Online
- c. 82-303 French & Francophone Cultures (may be repeated)
- d. 82-304 French & Francophone Sociolinguistics (may be repeated)

3. French & Francophone Studies Electives (2 courses, 18 units)

In consultation with the advisor, choose two additional courses related to French & Francophone Studies.

Curricular clarifications:

- Students who place out of one or two intermediate level courses must take additional courses at a higher level to complete the required number of courses.
- Core courses must be taken at CMU.
- With the French & Francophone Studies major advisor's approval, students may waive either 82-282 or 82-283 and take an additional course in French.

- Students may double count up to four courses taken for the French & Francophone Studies major to fulfill the requirements of other majors, minors and programs. Double counting with General Education requirements is unlimited.
- Ideally, students will complete the 300-level courses before moving on to the 400-level. However, there will be flexibility based upon scheduled offerings.
- Students may repeat 82-303 French & Francophone Cultures, 82-304 French & Francophone Sociolinguistics and 82-415/82-416 Topics in French & Francophone Studies when they are offered with different topics.
- Students who need to complete the French & Francophone Studies elective requirement but are unable to register for the 82-415/416 course may take a 300-level course again with a new topic to complete the major requirements. The course number for registration will be 82-418 and students must complete work at the fourth-year level. In this situation, students must inform their course instructor.
- Under extenuating circumstances and after consultation with advisors, students may take another 9-unit LCAL course and complete a milestone project in lieu of the 82-580 Languages, Cultures & Applied Linguistics Seminar.

Co-curricular Requirements

4. Experiential Learning

Experiential learning in French is a key component of the major and is defined by Dietrich College as learning that occurs when a student applies their academic learning in authentic contexts. The preferred method for fulfilling this requirement is through study abroad in a French-speaking country for a summer, semester or a year. Consult with the French & Francophone Studies Study Abroad Advisor and the Office of International Education (OIE) about possible programs. The department guarantees partial study abroad scholarships for all majors and works with students to find additional funding, when necessary, to meet full financial need for participation in study abroad. Courses taken abroad in French may also count towards the Foundational Courses or Electives (sections #2 and #3) with the French & Francophone Studies major advisor's approval. Students typically earn 18-36 units in a study abroad program.

- a. While study abroad is the preferred method of fulfilling the experiential learning requirement, students who have curricular or personal reasons that prohibit them from studying abroad should consult with their major advisor to determine a 9-unit approved research or internship experience in a French/Francophone community or organization. Students may also reach out to Dietrich College's Director of Experiential Learning for assistance. This research or internship may be used to fulfill the Experiential Learning requirement (section #4) and may also count as an elective course.

5. Exit Interview

Complete an oral proficiency evaluation. Taken with a faculty member, this evaluation should take place by the end of the first semester of the senior year; students may also take it by the end of the junior year. Students are permitted to retake the test.