

# FRENCH (FREN)

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## FREN 101 Beginning French I 4 Units GC, GE

**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

Introduction to French language and culture. Emphasis on the fundamental skills of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing French. 2 hours activity, 3 hours discussion. (003787)

**General Education:** Humanities (3B)

**Grade Basis:** Graded

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units

**Course Attributes:** Lower Division; Global Cultures Course

## FREN 102 Beginning French II 4 Units GC, GE

**Prerequisite:** FREN 101 or equivalent.

**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

Continuation of FREN 101. Further development of student's cultural competence and proficiency in the fundamental skills of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing French. 2 hours activity, 3 hours discussion. (003792)

**General Education:** Humanities (3B)

**Grade Basis:** Graded

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units

**Course Attributes:** Lower Division; Global Cultures Course

## FREN 198 Special Topics 1-3 Units

**Prerequisite:** Department permission.

**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

This course is for special topics. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from term to term and be different for different sections. See the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 3 hours supervision. (003804)

**Grade Basis:** Graded

**Repeatability:** You may take this course more than once

**Course Attributes:** Lower Division

## FREN 201 Intermediate French I 4 Units GC, GE

**Prerequisite:** FREN 102 or equivalent.

**Typically Offered:** Fall only

Reviewing and expanding of language skills and cultural concepts introduced in FREN 101 and FREN 102. Particular emphasis on the development of writing and reading proficiency. 2 hours activity, 3 hours discussion. (003795)

**General Education:** Humanities (3B)

**Grade Basis:** Graded

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units

**Course Attributes:** Lower Division; Global Cultures Course

## FREN 202 Intermediate French II 4 Units GC, GE

**Prerequisite:** FREN 201 or equivalent.

**Typically Offered:** Spring only

Reviewing and expanding of language skills and cultural concepts introduced in FREN 101, FREN 102, and FREN 201. Particular emphasis on the development of writing and reading proficiency. 2 hours activity, 3 hours discussion. (003794)

**General Education:** Humanities (3B)

**Grade Basis:** Graded

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units

**Course Attributes:** Lower Division; Global Cultures Course

## FREN 299 Special Problems 1-3 Units

**Prerequisite:** Faculty permission.

**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

This course is an independent study of special problems. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 3 hours supervision. (020837)

**Grade Basis:** Credit/No Credit

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units

**Course Attributes:** Lower Division

## FREN 301 Composition and Conversation 3 Units

**Prerequisite:** FREN 202 or equivalent.

**Typically Offered:** Inquire at department

See description below. 3 hours discussion. (003805)

**Grade Basis:** Graded

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

**Course Attributes:** Upper Division

## FREN 302 Composition and Conversation 3 Units

**Prerequisite:** FREN 202 or equivalent.

**Typically Offered:** Inquire at department

See description below. 3 hours discussion. (003806)

**Grade Basis:** Graded

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

**Course Attributes:** Upper Division

## FREN 303 Composition and Conversation 3 Units

**Prerequisite:** FREN 202 or equivalent.

**Typically Offered:** Inquire at department

FREN 301 - FREN 303: Practice in speaking, writing, and reading. Focus on the development and accurate use of complex language patterns. These courses are non-sequential. 3 hours discussion. (003807)

**Grade Basis:** Graded

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

**Course Attributes:** Upper Division

## FREN 310 Business French 3 Units

**Prerequisite:** FREN 202 or three years of high school French or equivalent.

**Typically Offered:** Inquire at department

A survey of French business practices. Designed for students interested in international business or affairs, or who intend to travel for business in French-speaking countries. The course includes films, readings, and class discussion focusing on the economic, political, and social aspects of French culture. 3 hours discussion. (003809)

**Grade Basis:** Graded

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

**Course Attributes:** Upper Division

- FREN 330 French Culture and Civilization** **3 Units**  
**Prerequisite:** FREN 202 or equivalent.  
**Typically Offered:** Inquire at department  
 An introduction to French history and geography as well as French art, literature, philosophy, education, economy, social classes, and politics. 3 hours discussion. (003812)  
**Grade Basis:** Graded  
**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
**Course Attributes:** Upper Division
- FREN 340 Survey of French Literature** **3 Units**  
**Prerequisite:** FREN 301, FREN 302, or FREN 303.  
**Typically Offered:** Inquire at department  
 A survey of French literature with special emphasis on genres, literary techniques, and methods of analysis, early French literature to the French Revolution. 3 hours discussion. (003815)  
**Grade Basis:** Graded  
**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
**Course Attributes:** Upper Division
- FREN 345 Survey of French Literature** **3 Units**  
**Prerequisite:** FREN 301, FREN 302, or FREN 303.  
**Typically Offered:** Inquire at department  
 A survey of French literature with special emphasis on genres, literary techniques, and methods of analysis, Romantic to Contemporary Period. 3 hours discussion. (003816)  
**Grade Basis:** Graded  
**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
**Course Attributes:** Upper Division
- FREN 398 Special Topics** **1-3 Units**  
**Prerequisite:** Department permission.  
**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring  
 This course is for special topics. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from term to term and be different for different sections. See the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 1 hour seminar. (003824)  
**Grade Basis:** Graded  
**Repeatability:** You may take this course more than once  
**Course Attributes:** Upper Division
- FREN 399 Special Problems** **1-3 Units**  
**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring  
 This course is an independent study of special problems. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 9 hours supervision. (003825)  
**Grade Basis:** Credit/No Credit  
**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units  
**Course Attributes:** Upper Division
- FREN 420 French Linguistics** **3 Units**  
**Prerequisite:** Six units from FREN 301, FREN 302, or FREN 303.  
**Typically Offered:** Inquire at department  
 This course introduces students to the study of linguistics as it relates to French. Topics include the evolution of the language from Latin to modern French, as well as historical and contemporary states of the language as they relate to phonology, morphology, and semantics. Practical application of knowledge, and the improvement of students' pronunciation, are stressed. Taught in French. 3 hours lecture. (003834)  
**Grade Basis:** Graded  
**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
**Course Attributes:** Upper Division
- FREN 440 The French Theater** **3 Units**  
**Prerequisite:** FREN 301, FREN 302, or FREN 303.  
**Typically Offered:** Inquire at department  
 Varying content may emphasize the historical development of the theater or may choose the work of a single author. 3 hours discussion. (003826)  
**Grade Basis:** Graded  
**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
**Course Attributes:** Upper Division
- FREN 445 Francophone Literatures and Societies** **3 Units**  
**Prerequisite:** FREN 301, FREN 302, or FREN 303.  
**Typically Offered:** Inquire at department  
 This course involves study of literature and society in Francophone Africa from the Maghreb (Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria) through Senegal and West Africa to Madagascar and the Reunion Island, New France (Quebec), the French Caribbean, the South Pacific (Tahiti), and Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Cambodia). 3 hours seminar. (003828)  
**Grade Basis:** Graded  
**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
**Course Attributes:** Upper Division
- FREN 460 The Nineteenth Century** **3 Units**  
**Prerequisite:** Six units from FREN 301, FREN 302, FREN 303; FREN 340 or FREN 345.  
**Typically Offered:** Inquire at department  
 Study of the various literary movements across the century (romanticism, Parnasse, realism, naturalism, symbolism) in both prose and poetry. 3 hours discussion. (003819)  
**Grade Basis:** Graded  
**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
**Course Attributes:** Upper Division
- FREN 480 French Cinema** **3 Units**  
**Typically Offered:** Inquire at department  
 An introduction to French cinema as a narrative form, with emphasis on key films and directors from various periods of French film history. The class is taught in English. All films have English subtitles. 3 hours discussion. (003813)  
**Grade Basis:** Graded  
**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
**Course Attributes:** Upper Division
- FREN 497W Writing Proficiency (W)** **3 Units W, GW**  
**Prerequisite:** GE English Composition (1A); upper-division standing; completion of 6 units FREN 301, FREN 302, FREN 303; FREN 340 and FREN 345, or equivalent.  
**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring  
 This course allows students the opportunity to bring together a body of knowledge in French and to solidify it by analyzing and drawing conclusions from a variety of written sources in French and to write arguments about them in English. Writing essays in English for different sorts of potential audiences, students have ample opportunity to progress towards professional level writing so that students demonstrate writing proficiency in English about French. 3 hours discussion. (003823)  
**Grade Basis:** Graded  
**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
**Course Attributes:** Upper Division; Writing Course; Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement Course

**FREN 498 Special Topics 1-3 Units**

**Prerequisite:** Department permission.

**Typically Offered:** Inquire at department

This course is for special topics. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from term to term and be different for different sections. See the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 1 hour seminar. (003844)

**Grade Basis:** Graded

**Repeatability:** You may take this course more than once

**Course Attributes:** Upper Division

**FREN 499 Special Problems 1-3 Units**

**Prerequisite:** Faculty permission.

**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

This course is an independent study of special problems offered for 1.0-3.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 3 hours supervision. (003845)

**Grade Basis:** Credit/No Credit

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units

**Course Attributes:** Upper Division

**FREN 499H Senior Honors Thesis 3 Units**

**Prerequisite:** Six units in FREN 301, FREN 302, FREN 303; 12 other upper-division French units; a grade-point average in the top 5% of French majors; an interview; faculty permission.

**Typically Offered:** Inquire at department

Intensive study of scholarly approaches to problems in French language, literature or culture and training in the use of secondary sources to back up original ideas, leading to the production and public presentation of a scholarly project involving substantial research and earning a grade of B or higher for the designation of Honors in the Major. To be taken under faculty supervision for a total of six units in consecutive semesters. 9 hours supervision. (003847)

**Grade Basis:** Graded

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units

**Course Attributes:** Upper Division

**FREN 697 Independent Study 1-3 Units**

**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

This course is a graduate-level independent study. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 9 hours supervision. (003853)

**Grade Basis:** Report in Progress: Graded

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units

**Course Attributes:** Graduate Division

**FREN 699T Masters Thesis 1-3 Units**

**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

9 hours supervision. (020932)

**Grade Basis:** Report in Progress: CR/NC

**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

**Course Attributes:** Graduate Division