# FRENCH (FREN)

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### FREN 101 First-Semester French
- **Typically Offered:** Fall and spring
- **Prerequisite:** FREN 101 or equivalent.
- **General Education:** Humanities (C2)
- **Grade Basis:** Graded
- **Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units
- **Course Attributes:** Lower Division; Global Cultures

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)

### FREN 102 Second-Semester French
- **Typically Offered:** Fall and spring
- **Prerequisite:** FREN 101 or equivalent.
- **General Education:** Humanities (C2)
- **Grade Basis:** Graded
- **Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units
- **Course Attributes:** Lower Division; Global Cultures

Continuation of FREN 101. Emphasis on the fundamental skills of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing French. 2 hours activity, 3 hours discussion. (003792)

### FREN 198 Special Topics
- **Typically Offered:** Fall only
- **Prerequisite:** Department permission.
- **General Education:** Humanities (C2)
- **Grade Basis:** Graded
- **Repeatability:** You may take this course more than once
- **Course Attributes:** Lower Division

This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. 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)

### FREN 201 Third-Semester French
- **Typically Offered:** Fall only
- **Prerequisite:** FREN 102 or equivalent.
- **General Education:** Humanities (C2)
- **Grade Basis:** Graded
- **Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units
- **Course Attributes:** Lower Division; Global Cultures

Reviewing and expanding of language skills and cultural concepts introduced in FREN 101 and FREN 102. This course includes composition and reading. 2 hours activity, 3 hours discussion. (003795)

### FREN 202 Fourth-Semester French
- **Typically Offered:** Spring only
- **Prerequisite:** FREN 201 or equivalent.
- **General Education:** Humanities (C2)
- **Grade Basis:** Graded
- **Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units
- **Course Attributes:** Lower Division; Global Cultures

Reviewing and expanding of language skills and cultural concepts introduced in FREN 101, FREN 102, and FREN 201. This course includes composition and reading. 2 hours activity, 3 hours discussion. (003794)

### FREN 299 Special Problems
- **Typically Offered:** Fall and spring
- **Prerequisite:** Faculty permission.
- **Grade Basis:** Credit/No Credit
- **Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
- **Course Attributes:** Lower Division

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. (020837)

### FREN 301 Composition and Conversation
- **Typically Offered:** Inquire at department
- **Prerequisite:** FREN 202 or equivalent.
- **Grade Basis:** Graded
- **Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
- **Course Attributes:** Upper Division

See description below. 3 hours discussion. (003805)

### FREN 302 Composition and Conversation
- **Typically Offered:** Inquire at department
- **Prerequisite:** FREN 202 or equivalent.
- **Grade Basis:** Graded
- **Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
- **Course Attributes:** Upper Division

See description below. 3 hours discussion. (003806)

### FREN 303 Composition and Conversation
- **Typically Offered:** Inquire at department
- **Prerequisite:** FREN 202 or equivalent.
- **Grade Basis:** Graded
- **Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
- **Course Attributes:** Upper Division

These courses are non-sequential. 3 hours discussion. (003807)

### FREN 310 Business French
- **Typically Offered:** Inquire at department
- **Prerequisite:** FREN 202 or three years of high school French or equivalent.
- **Grade Basis:** Graded
- **Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
- **Course Attributes:** Upper Division

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)

### FREN 330 French Culture and Civilization
- **Typically Offered:** Inquire at department
- **Prerequisite:** FREN 202 or equivalent.
- **Grade Basis:** Graded
- **Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
- **Course Attributes:** Upper Division

An introduction to French history and geography as well as French art, literature, philosophy, education, economy, social classes, and politics. 3 hours discussion. (003812)
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 offered for 1.0-3.0 units. 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 offered for 1.0-3.0 units. 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 Written Communication (A2) requirement; 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  

FREN 498  Special Topics  1-3 Units  
Typically Offered: Inquire at department  
Course Attributes: Upper Division  

FREN 499W  Writing Proficiency (W)  3 Units  
W, GW  
Prerequisite: GE Written Communication (A2) requirement; 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  

FREN 498  Special Topics  1-3 Units  
Typically Offered: Inquire at department  
Course Attributes: Upper Division  

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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 offered for 1.0-3.0
units. 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