

French

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Majors

The Major in French

Total units required: 30 (27 for second majors)

Required courses for students matriculating Fall 2021* and later:

Code	Title	Units
French 307D	Cultural Expression	3
French 321 or 322	One "In-Perspective" course	3
French 360 or 361	One "Thinking-It-Through" course	3
French 370s-390s	One "In-Depth" course	3
French 4xx	Two 400-level seminars	6

* French 204D Intermediate French II no longer counts toward the major. Students pursuing the major earn the remainder of their credits by taking our rich 300- and 400-level elective offerings in French and Francophone literature, language, culture, and related disciplines in the arts and sciences. Majors may count one course taken abroad toward the satisfaction of their Thinking-It-Through or In-Depth requirement.

Total units required for students matriculating prior to Fall 2021*: 27

Required courses for students matriculating prior to Fall 2021:**

Code	Title	Units
French 307D	Cultural Expression	3
French 308D	Introduction to Literary and Cultural Analysis	3
French 325	French Literature I: Dramatic Voices: Poets and Playwrights	3
French 326	French Literature II: Narrative Voices: Fiction and Nonfiction	3
French 411 or French 4131	Intensive Writing in French: Timely Topics Advanced French and Translation	3
French 4xx	Upper-level seminar before the Revolution (Medieval, Renaissance, 17th- or 18th-century)	3
French 4xx	Upper-level seminar after the Revolution (19th- or 20th-century or Francophone)	3
Total Units		21

- * Students who take French 204D (or, prior to Fall 2019, French 201D French Level III: Intermediate French) may count it as one course toward the major (out of nine for the second or ten for the prime). Students also may count one 3-credit course toward the major that is taught in English by a member of the French faculty, either within or beyond the bounds of the department at Washington University. This course must be at the 300 level or above and does not replace the requirements in French.
- ** Students who matriculate prior to Fall 2021 have the option of switching to the new major requirements if they prefer. Permission from the director of undergraduate studies in French is required.

Additional Information

Courses taken Pass/Fail do not count toward the major. Students must maintain an average of B- or higher and are expected to maintain a B average or better in all French courses. Both 400-level courses required for the major must be taken at Washington University. All primary majors must complete a capstone experience by achieving a B+ or better in one of the 400-level seminars.

Study Abroad: French majors are encouraged to participate in a study abroad program. Summer programs are available in Paris, Nice, and Senegal, and semester abroad programs are available in Toulouse and Paris. Up to 6 credits from each program can count toward the major. **Students should complete an In-Perspective course prior to going abroad to Nice, Toulouse, or Paris.**

Please refer to the French home page (<https://rll.wustl.edu/french/>) for more information about French study abroad programs and for our **French for the Medical Professions track.**

Writing Intensive (WI) Courses: Students wishing to satisfy the university Writing Intensive requirement within their French major may do so by taking either French 411 Intensive Writing in French: Timely Topics or French 4131 Advanced French and Translation. These Writing Intensive courses are not seminars, are not required for the major, and do not replace the major requirements.

Senior Honors: Students who have maintained at least a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.65 through the end of the junior year are encouraged to work toward Latin honors (cum laude, magna cum laude, summa cum laude). To qualify for Latin honors in the major by thesis, a student must complete special literary research and prepare and orally defend an honors thesis, which is judged by an honors faculty committee. To qualify for Latin honors by course work, a student must complete four literature courses at the 400 level (including two in literature before 1800) and present two critical essays written for those courses to be judged by an honors faculty committee. Recommendations for Honors are based on performance and the quality of the thesis or critical essays in addition to the student's cumulative GPA.

Transfer Credits: 21 of the 30 units required for the major must be taken in residence. Courses not taken at Washington University may count toward the major only with departmental permission.