French (BA)

In the eighth century, the emperor Charlemagne, “the father of Europe,” declared that, “to speak another language is to possess a second soul.” There’s something wonderful about studying another language, being able to think and express yourself in a new way. Using that skill to communicate with people whose culture and life experiences are very different from your own can be very exciting.

More than 250 million people in more than 50 countries speak French. It is an official language in 29 countries and maintains its status as a major language of culture, diplomacy, and economics. The Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (https://www.francophonie.org/), established in 1970 and usually referred to as “La Francophonie,” includes 57 member states on four continents. French is a passport to much of the world!

You may want to study French language and culture to get in touch with your family’s history or to learn about the rich cultural legacies of France in Europe and across the globe. Perhaps you’re looking forward to traveling through some of the countries and regions of Europe, Africa, North America, or Asia, where French is spoken and you want to build your language skills. Or, maybe you’re interested in a diplomatic or global business career that involves multinational companies. Whatever the basis of your interest, a major in French in the University of Oregon’s Department of Romance Languages will help you to expand your knowledge and horizons.

The Department of Romance Languages is a diverse multicultural and multilingual unit with a first-rate faculty from around the world. As a major or minor, you will gain an extensive knowledge of languages and cultures and will have invaluable opportunities for intellectual growth. You’ll also be able to engage in a wide variety of extracurricular activities, including lectures and film festivals, language conversation groups, study abroad programs, and internships.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Language proficiency: French majors should reach at least a level of Intermediate-High (speaking) and Advanced (writing) in the primary target language according to ACTFL proficiency standards.
- Analytical skills related to the field/target language (research and writing): French majors should be able to: a) use basic tools/methods of analysis in either literary studies or linguistics; b) use technical vocabulary for literary analysis and criticism or linguistic analysis; c) demonstrate understanding of academic writing (manage and cite bibliographic resources, document all sources, including in-line citations in writing, etc.)
- Content objectives (literature/culture): Demonstrate familiarity with examples of the cultural/artistic production in the target language from different historical periods. Identify authors, texts, themes, and literary/artistic/intellectual movements in the periods studied. Relate cultural artifacts (literature, film, fine arts) to the historical, cultural, and social contexts in which they were produced.
- Discipline (humanities or social science): identify basic disciplinary questions that define literary analysis/cultural studies or sociolinguistics; apply or relate disciplinary questions to current debates in the arts, politics, social conflicts, etc.

Courses for the major are principally taught in the language of study and immerse students in a diversity of cultures and variations spoken. Cultural, linguistic and literary production – writing, film and other media – studied in RL courses reflect variations of race, gender, social class, climate, religion, and historical and artistic movements and counter-movements.

All courses for Romance Languages majors and minors must be *upper-division*, with the exception of one approved lower-division class within certain majors and minors. Courses used to fulfill the major requirements must be taken for a letter grade and passed with a grade of C- or better. Coursework transferred in from Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams are acceptable with a mark of P*.

French Major

Code	Title	Credits
FR 301	La France contemporaine	4
FR 302	Culture et langage: Le monde francophone contemporain	4
Select three of the following, or their equivalent:		12
FR 312	French Survey: Francophone Literature [1]	
FR 317	French Survey: Medieval and Renaissance	
FR 318	Monarchy, Liberty, Revolution	
FR 319	French Survey: 19th and 20th Centuries	
FR 416	Advanced Writing in French	4
or FR 425	French-English Translation	
330-level or higher French literature, film, or translation courses [2]		12
Upper-division French electives taught in French [3]		12
Total Credits		**48**

1. Students who have already taken *Culture et langage: identités francophones* (FR 303) cannot receive credit for French Survey: Francophone Literature (FR 312).
2. Taught in residence on the Eugene campus. At least 8 credits must be at the 400 level.
3. May include FR 150. Must address the cultures of the French-speaking world (e.g., courses in literature, language, culture, film).

Approved Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Literature, Film, or Translation Courses [1]		
FR 330	French Poetry	
FR 331	French Theater	
FR 333	French Narrative	
FR 362	French Film	
FR 399	Special Studies: [Topic]	
FR 407	Seminar: [Topic]	
FR 425	French-English Translation [1]	
FR 451	Baroque Theater: [Topic]	
FR 460	18th-Century Literature: [Topic]	
FR 480	19th-Century Literature: [Topic]	
FR 490	20th-Century Literature: [Topic]	
RL 407	Seminar: [Topic] [2]	
Electives		
FR 150	Cultural Legacies of France	

FR 301	La France contemporaine
FR 302	Culture et langage: Le monde francophone contemporain
FR 312	French Survey: Francophone Literature
FR 317	French Survey: Medieval and Renaissance
FR 318	Monarchy, Liberty, Revolution
FR 319	French Survey: 19th and 20th Centuries
330-level or higher French literature, film, or translation courses	

1 French-English Translation (FR 425) may count for the writing requirement OR this Literature, Film, or Translation category.

2 Seminar: [Topic] (RL 407) is allowed if coursework is completed in French.

Departmental Honors

Approval for graduation with honors is granted to any student who meets one of the following requirements:

1. Maintains at least a 4.00 grade point average (GPA) in all upper-division department course work and at least a 3.50 GPA overall, ***or***
2. Maintains at least a 3.75 GPA in all upper-division department course work and at least a 3.50 GPA overall, and submits an honors thesis written under the guidance of a Romance languages faculty thesis advisor. The thesis adviser determines whether the thesis is acceptable and may require the student to register for up to 6 pass/no pass (P/N) credits in Thesis (FR, ITAL, SPAN 403)

If a student wishes to apply for honors by submitting an honors thesis, the application for graduation with honors must be submitted by the end of the term that immediately precedes the term of graduation. If a student is planning on graduating in the spring term, they must apply for graduation through their departmental advisor during the winter term.

Transfer credits and overseas-study work used to fulfill major graduation requirements are typically included in determining the major GPA.

Four-Year Degree Plan

The degree plan shown is only a sample of how students may complete their degrees in four years. There are alternative ways. Students should consult their advisor to determine the best path for them.

Bachelor of Arts in French

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
FR 101	First-Year French	5	
FR 150	Cultural Legacies of France	4	
General-education course in science		4	
Participate in the Romance Languages Opportunities Fair in October			
Take a lighter course load in your first term as you adjust to college			
	Credits	**13**	
Winter			
FR 102	First-Year French	5	
WR 121Z	Composition I	4	
General-education course in arts and letters (Minor or second major course, if applicable)		4	
Study skills or time management course		1	
Talk with advisors about study abroad or other experiential learning options			
	Credits	**14**	
Spring			
FR 103	First-Year French	5	
WR 122Z or WR 123	Composition II or College Composition III	4	
General-education course in arts and letters		4	
General-education course in social science		4	
Meet with University Career Center advisor to discuss potential major(s) and career ideas			
	Credits	**17**	
	Total Credits	**44**	

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Second Year			
Fall			
FR 201	Second-Year French	4	
General-education course in arts and letters		4	
General-education course in social science (Minor or second major course, if applicable)		4	
General-education course in science (Minor or second major course, if applicable)		4	
Participate in the Romance Languages Opportunities Fair in October			
	Credits	**16**	
Winter			
FR 202	Second-Year French	4	
General-education course in social science		4	
General-education course in science		4	
Multicultural course		4	
	Credits	**16**	
Spring			
FR 203	Second-Year French	4	Declare French major
General-education course in social science		4	
General-education course in science		4	
Elective course		4	
Confirm study-abroad or experiential learning plans, and work with advisor to verify progress toward degree			
	Credits	**16**	
	Total Credits	**48**	

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Third Year			
Fall			
Choose two from the following:		8	
FR 301	La France contemporaine		

FR 302	Culture et langage: Le monde francophone contemporain	
FR 320	Intensive French Grammar Review	
Electives or courses for minor or second major		8
Participate in Romance Languages Opportunities Fair in October		
	Credits	**16**
Winter		
FR 312 or FR 317	French Survey: Francophone Literature or French Survey: Medieval and Renaissance	4
French language or survey course		4
Electives or courses for minor or second major		8
Apply for Romance languages scholarships		
	Credits	**16**
Spring		
FR 318 or FR 319	Monarchy, Liberty, Revolution or French Survey: 19th and 20th Centuries	4
FR 330	French Poetry	4
Electives or courses for minor or second major		8
Meet with advisor to confirm major progress and plan for senior year		
	Credits	**16**
	Total Credits	**48**

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Fourth Year			
Fall			
French survey course		4	
French elective course		4	
Elective or courses for minor or second major		8	
	Credits	**16**	
Winter			
FR 407	Seminar: [Topic]	4	
French elective course		4	
Elective or course for minor or second major		4	
	Credits	**12**	
Spring			
FR 407	Seminar: [Topic]	4	Apply for graduation, including any certificates
French elective course		4	
Elective or course for minor or second major		4	
	Credits	**12**	
	Total Credits	**40**	