French (FREN)

FREN 1010
Beginning French I
4:4:1
Fall, Spring

Emphasizes understanding, speaking, reading and writing skills. Basic language usage and cultural understanding are acquired through an activity-based approach. Lab access fee of $10 applies.

FREN 1020
Beginning French II
4:4:1
Fall, Spring
* Prerequisite(s): Students need equivalent knowledge of FREN 1010

Completes the first year of study. Includes the remaining grammar, language concepts, and culture, and introduces students to literature in French. Lab access fee of $10 applies.

FREN 115R
French Conversation I
1:1:0
Offers novice French speakers opportunities to enhance their speaking proficiency in the target language by focusing on oral verbal production. Teaches how to improve authentic pronunciation, reduce errors in authenticity of language structure, generate thought in the target language spontaneously as a substitute for translation, and sharpen listening comprehension for natural conversational flow. Contrasts with all other first year courses which must strive to produce mastery of the whole range of language acquisition components, including writing, grammar, etc. Facilitates lowering the affective filter when conversing in the target language by increasing the frequency of speech opportunities and defusing concern for such matters as spelling, etc. Increases mastery of lexical items through increased frequency of oral usage. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits toward graduation.

FREN 1500
French Travel Study
3:1:6
On Sufficient Demand
Introduces students to a French-speaking foreign country for a minimum of 10 days of intensive language and culture study. Course entails several meetings prior to departure and at least one after the return home to facilitate observation and analysis of data to be gathered on the tour. An organized presentation of that data will be contained in a multimedia project due no later than one month after tour.

FREN 2010
Intermediate French I
4:4:1
Fall, Spring
* Prerequisite(s): Students need equivalent knowledge of FREN 1020

Reviews grammar, reading, writing, and conversation skills learned throughout the first year. Introduces readings and discussions on the history, culture, and literature of the French world. Lab access fee of $10 applies.

FREN 202G
Intermediate French II
4:4:0
Spring
* Prerequisite(s): Students need equivalent knowledge of FREN 2010

Emphasizes reading, writing, and conversational skills through socio-cultural studies in history, literature and art. Lab access fee of $10 applies.

FREN 2050
Advanced French Grammar and Composition
3:3:0
On Sufficient Demand
* Prerequisite(s): FREN 202G or equivalent

Explores grammar of French focusing on areas typically difficult for English speakers. Provides extensive instruction in, and opportunity for the students' improvement in language production, both oral and written. Completers should improve considerably their ability to express themselves in the foreign language both orally and in written form.

FREN 215R
French Conversation II
1:1:0
* Prerequisite(s): Students should have equivalent knowledge of FREN 1020

Offers lower division / novice speakers opportunities to enhance their speaking proficiency in the target language by focusing on oral verbal production. Teaches how to improve authentic pronunciation, reduce errors in authenticity of language structure, generate thought in the target language spontaneously as a substitute for translation, sharpen listening comprehension, and develop conversational strategies such as circumlocution and managing a conversation with useful expressions for starting a conversation, gaining time to think, helping the other speaker, seeking agreement, etc. Contrasts with all other first year courses which must strive to produce mastery of the whole range of language acquisition components, including writing, grammar, etc. Facilitates lowering the affective filter when conversing in the target language by increasing the frequency of speech opportunities and defusing concern for such matters as spelling, etc. Increases mastery of lexical items through increased frequency of oral usage. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits toward graduation.

FREN 3030
French Composition and Conversation
3:3:0
* Prerequisite(s): (FREN 202G or instructor approval) and University Advanced Standing

Advances mastery of French grammar while emphasizing production skills of speaking and writing. Expands reading and listening skills to a lesser degree. Reviews and extends lexical depth. Allows students without experience living in a French immersion setting to advance in their communication skills to where they may participate more comfortably in future upper division courses with other students who do have immersion experience. Offers a variety of topics presented in a variety of media as content basis for real communicative practice in French. Conducts all course work primarily in French.

FREN 3040
Introduction to Literary Genres in French
3:3:0
On Sufficient Demand
* Prerequisite(s): (FREN 202G or equivalent) and University Advanced Standing

Explores different literary genres in the French language throughout the centuries. Provides extensive opportunity for improvement in oral and reading/writing development of language skills, as well as new ways of thinking about literature in cultural contexts. Completers should considerably improve their ability to express themselves in the foreign language. Taught entirely in French.

FREN 3050
Advanced French
3:3:0
Fall, Spring
* Prerequisite(s): FREN 3040, one year residency in French speaking country, or placement test

Continue to emphasize reading, writing, and conversational skills through studies in literary and other texts, including films dealing with Francophone cultures. Includes an in depth review of grammar. Lab access fee of $10 applies.

FREN 3200
Business French
3:3:0
On Sufficient Demand
* Prerequisite(s): (FREN 3050 or equivalent knowledge) and University Advanced Standing

For those who plan to pursue careers in international business or related fields, learn French business language, understand French corporate culture, or plan to major or minor in French. Teaches French business terminology and prepares students to take the Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie de Paris exam. Explores technological, personal, and professional aspects of business. Will be taught entirely in the French language. Lab access fee of $10 applies.
FREN 351G  
Culture and Civilization to 1700  
3:3:0  
* Prerequisite(s): FREN 3050 and University Advanced Standing  
Explores chronologically to 1700 the formation and development of French speaking societies and cultures. Traces the ethnic development and linguistic history of these societies and peoples, as well as examines manifestations of their aesthetic endeavors. Presentations and class instruction conducted entirely in French.

FREN 352G  
Culture and Civilization from 1700  
3:3:0  
* Prerequisite(s): FREN 3050 and University Advanced Standing  
Explores chronologically to 1700 the formation and development of French speaking societies and cultures. Traces the ethnic development and linguistic history of these societies and peoples, as well as examines manifestations of their aesthetic endeavors. Presentations and class instruction conducted entirely in French.

FREN 353G  
Contemporary French Civilization and Culture  
3:3:1  
On Sufficient Demand  
* Prerequisite(s): (FREN 3050 or equivalent) and University Advanced Standing  
Examines contemporary French culture topics (family, education, love and the couple, religion, social challenges, governmental functions, etc.) through studying a variety of French sources: readings, film, lecture, individual research, etc. Analyzes topics through active class discussion in French. Integrates new cultural perspectives in papers and assignments researched and written in French. Conducted entirely in French.

FREN 3610  
French Literature to 1700  
3:3:0  
On Sufficient Demand  
* Prerequisite(s): (FREN 3050 or equivalent knowledge) and University Advanced Standing  
Introduces chronologically to 1700 representative French authors. Emphasizes literary analysis and criticism. Completers should develop knowledge of literary history, acquire skills in interpreting literary texts, and deepen understanding of the French language. Presentations and class instruction conducted entirely in French.

FREN 3620  
French Literature from 1700  
3:3:0  
On Sufficient Demand  
* Prerequisite(s): (FREN 3050 or equivalent knowledge) and University Advanced Standing  
Introduces chronologically from 1700 representative French authors. Emphasizes literary analysis and criticism. Completers should develop knowledge of literary history, acquire skills in interpreting literary texts, and deepen understanding of the French language. Presentations and class instruction conducted entirely in French.

FREN 4200  
Advanced Business French  
3:3:0  
On Sufficient Demand  
* Prerequisite(s): (FREN 3200 or equivalent knowledge) and University Advanced Standing  
For those taking the exam leading to the Diplome de francais des affaires (DFA 2) awarded by the Chambre de Commerce et d’Industrie de Paris. Emphasizes case studies, marketing, resumes, cover letters, job interviews, computers, and the Internet. Taught entirely in French.

FREN 4500  
Advanced Writing in French  
3:2:3  
On Sufficient Demand  
* Prerequisite(s): [(FREN 3030 and FREN 3040) or FREN 3050] and University Advanced Standing  
Increases students’ accuracy, clarity and use of appropriate registers when writing in French. Informs them of the significant roles played by form, content and intentionality of discourse in their writing, and improves their skills in addressing the requirements of those various roles.

FREN 490R  
Special Topics in French  
3:3:0  
On Sufficient Demand  
* Prerequisite(s): (FREN 202G or instructor approval) and University Advanced Standing  
Studies topic in detail not offered in other courses. Addresses key aspects of the topic. Engages students in critical analysis and discourse. Develops language skills requisite to such analysis and specific to the topic. Possible topics include French Film, Translation and Interpretation, Francophone Literature, Women’s Texts, Courtly Love. Conducted entirely in French. May be repeated for up to 9 credit hours towards graduation.