



French

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<http://slc.umd.edu/french>

Key Features of a French Major

- Study and explore one of the world's great languages of commerce and diplomacy, with a focus on French Language, Culture, and Literature.
- Enhance your opportunities for getting certain types of jobs, especially the ones with an international bent.
- Work with specialists in French language, culture and literature from the Early Modern period to the present.
- Combine this major easily with a second major such as international business, criminal justice, government and politics, journalism, sociology, or psychology.

Career Options and Salaries with a French Major

As the world gets “smaller,” the need for people with language skills grows. Many people who major or double-major in a second language find careers as interpreters, translators or educators specializing in language. Interpreters and translators are needed in many different fields, including healthcare, law, tourism, international business, education, etc. Various branches of the Federal Government also employ those with language skills.

- In May 2016, salaried interpreters and translators had a median salary of \$44,190.
- In May 2016, teachers at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels earned a median annual income of \$54,550 - \$57,200.

**All information on salaries and career options taken from Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 ed., <http://stats.bls.gov/oco/>.*

Advising

If you are considering a major in French, you can easily meet with the advisor in the Department of French and Italian to answer any questions you may have.

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Declaring a French Major

- *French is not a Limited Enrollment Program (LEP). If you have decided to major in this field, you can declare immediately!*

When you declare a major in French, you are also declaring that you will be a student in the College of Arts and Humanities (ARHU), which houses the Department of French and Italian. There are two levels in your process of declaring and later advising: the department (French and Italian) and the College (Arts and Humanities). The College will advise you regarding your GEN ED requirements and the Department will advise you regarding your major requirements.

1. Review the website of the Department of French and Italian, focusing on the information for undergraduates: <http://slc.umd.edu/french/undergraduate>
2. Contact the Undergraduate French Advisor and explain your intent to declare. They will then be able to help you with your next steps in declaring.
3. Students must complete the ARHU [Foreign Language Placement Assessment](#) (FLPA must be taken in a proctored environment if students are seeking exemption from [The Global Engagement Requirement](#)). Please note that students' majors will not be changed until they have an FLPA score on file or have satisfied prerequisites via AP credit or earned college credit.
4. You will then submit a "College of Arts & Humanities Change of Major Form." This is presented to the ARHU Office of Student Affairs, along with your 4-Year Plan, in 1120 Francis Scott Key Hall (301-405-2108). You will either meet with an advisor then or make an appointment for a later meeting. **Enrollment in the major is not complete until an ARHU advisor has signed the Four- Year Plan worksheet.**
5. As a new major, you will then be assigned to a department advisor with whom you will need to meet at least once per semester prior to registration.

French Four Year Academic Plan

Year 1	Fall	Spring
Benchmark 1 Requirements		
One FREN course	ENGL 101 (AW)*	Natural Sciences (NS)**
<i>Must be completed by the end of 2 semesters</i>	Math (MA) *	Analytic Reasoning (AR)
	History/Social Sciences (HS)**	Humanities (HU)**
	FREN 103	FREN 203 (fulfills Global Engagement)
	ARHU 158	Elective 1xx-4xx
	<i>*Must attempt by 30 cr.</i>	
Year 2		
Benchmark 2 Requirements		
FREN 204	Humanities (HU)**	Oral Communication (OC)
<i>Must be completed by the end of 4 semesters</i>	FREN 204	Scholarship in Practice (SP) #1**
	Elective 1xx-4xx	FREN 250
	Elective 1xx-4xx	Elective 1xx-4xx
	Elective 1xx-4xx	Elective 1xx-4xx
Year 3		
Benchmark 3 Requirements		
Three additional FREN courses	Natural Science Lab (NL)**	History/Social Sciences (HS)**
<i>Must be completed by the end of 6 semesters</i>	FREN 301	FREN 303
	Elective 1xx-4xx	FREN 352
	Elective 1xx-4xx	FREN 401
	Elective 3xx-4xx	FREN 311
Year 4		
	Professional Writing (PW)	FREN 4xx
	Scholarship in Practice (SP) #2**	FREN 4xx
	FREN 351	Elective 3xx-4xx
	FREN 4xx	Elective 3xx-4xx
	FREN 4xx	Elective 3xx-4xx
	Total Credits for Degree: 120; 45 credits must be 3xx-4xx level	

Note: Some courses for the major may also count toward the General Education requirements.

**All students must complete two Distributive Studies courses that are approved for I-series courses. The Understanding Plural Societies and Cultural Competence courses may also fulfill Distributive Studies categories.

Four Year Plan (CORE)

First Year:

ENGL 101	3
HA	3
SB	3
FREN 103	3
UNIV 100	1
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	13 credits

FM	3
LL/PL	4
SH	3
FREN 203	3
Elective	3
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	16 credits

Second Year:

LS/PS	3
Diversity	3
FREN 204 (HO)	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	1
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	16 credits

SB	3
FREN 250 (HL)	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
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	15 credits

Third Year:

ENGL 39x	3
Advanced Studies #1	3
FREN 351	3
FREN 301	3
FREN 311	3
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	15 credits

FREN 303	3
FREN 352	3
FREN 401	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
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	15 credits

Fourth Year:

Advanced Studies #2	3
FREN 4xx	3
FREN 4xx	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
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	15 credits

FREN 4xx	3
FREN 4xx	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
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	15 credits

TOTAL = 120 Credits

Q & A

Is there a Minor in French?

Yes; for more information, please see the website: <http://sllc.umd.edu/french/undergraduate/minor>
Additional questions can be answered by the French Advisor (see contact information listed above).

You can now register for the minor in French Studies online. Follow this link to the contact form: <http://www.arhu.umd.edu/undergraduate/academics/minors/form/french>. Requests are marked with the date and time, and students are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. All minors remain open until filled

Is it possible to double major in French?

Yes. Here is what the French and Italian Department explains:

“A student may wish to fulfill the major requirements in two chosen fields. The courses of the other Major will fulfill the French Supporting Courses requirements. One year before graduation, the student applying for double major must fill out a special form declaring his or her intention, recorded by the Arts and Humanities Student Affairs Office, and approved and signed by his or her advisors from both Major departments.”

Is there an honors program for French majors?

Yes. Here is what the French and Italian Department explains:

“French Honors students develop an area of special interest in consultation with faculty members. Honors Students are offered a foretaste of graduate school, while enhancing their academic standing as an undergraduate. The B.A. diploma will carry the citation ‘With Honors’ or ‘With High Honors.’”

The requirements for French Honors are the same as those for the French major, except that:

- At least three upper level courses must be taken as an “H” version.
- The Honors student will enroll in French 495 (Honors Thesis), for a total of 39 credits.

For more information on the honors program for French Majors, please see the website:

<http://sllc.umd.edu/french/undergraduate/honors>

What if I am interested in specializing in more than one romance language? Is there a way to do this other than double-majoring?

Yes. Please see information on the “Romance Languages Program,” which is offered jointly by the Department of French and Italian and the Department of Spanish and Portuguese: <http://sllc.umd.edu/roml>