Beyond the prerequisite courses (1101, 1102, 1103, and 2101, classroom or individualized versions), the requirements for the French minor are French 3101 and three additional courses taught in French at the 3000 level or above, at least one of which must be at the 4000 level or above (see more specific requirements below). Students who have at least a 3.3 overall GPA in their French courses may petition to have one 2000- to 5000-level course offered by the Department of French and Italian taught in English to count toward their minor. The minor thus consists of 12 credit hours beyond prerequisite courses, no more than half of which may be examination (EM) and/or transfer (K) credit.

While students may choose among a wide array of our courses beyond 3101 to complete their minor, below are some suggestions for course combinations for students with particular career or personal goals. For example, the culture/film sample curriculum may appeal especially to International Studies majors, whereas the literature sample may be a good choice for students who plan to specialize in literary studies in graduate school. The French for the professions sample allows students with an interest in business, government, or NGOs to develop a background in French society and professional practices. Students attracted to the cultures and literatures of French-speaking regions outside of France may want to follow the Francophone studies sample.

Students interested in a minor in French are asked to contact the Department’s minor adviser, Dr. Gloria Torrini-Roblin, to discuss their career and personal goals and study abroad. Students should then file the Minor form with the department’s college advisor, Dr. Andy Spencer (spencer.4) (however, honors students should file the form with their Honors advisor). Students who would like to count toward their minor one FRIT course taught in English should consult with Dr. Spencer.

Students minoring in French are strongly encouraged to study abroad in one of our numerous French-speaking programs. Please visit the Office of international Affairs’ website for detailed information on our programs. Course credits at the 3000-level or above earned in study abroad programs may be applied toward the minor.

In brief:
- Prerequisites: 1101, 1102, 1103, and 2101 (classroom or individualized).
- Required: 3101 and at least one of the following: 3201, 3202, 3401, 3402, 3403, 3501, 3502.
- Any additional courses taught in French at the 3000 level or above, at least one of which must be at the 4000 or 5000 level, to complete 12 credit hours beyond 2101.

Note that one FRIT course taught in English at the 2000 to 5000 level may be counted toward the minor by petition to Dr. Andy Spencer but that it cannot replace a course taught in French at the 4000 or 5000 level.

Culture/film sample curriculum (12 credit hours):
- French 3101; one or two of the following: 3401, 3402; one or two of the following: 3201, 3202, 3403; and one or two of the following: 4401, 5401, 5701, 5702.

French for the professions sample (12 credit hours):
- French 3101 and 3501; and two of the following: 3401, 3402, 3502, 4401, 5401, 5403

Literature sample (12 credit hours):
- French 3101, 3201, 3202; and one of the following: 4401, 5201, 5202, 5203, 5204, 5205, 5206, 5207, 5403

Francophone Studies sample (12 credit hours):
- French 3101, 3202, 3402; and one of the following: 4401, 5205, 5206, 5207.

French minor program guidelines

Credit hours required A minimum of 12. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. All courses will be at the 3000-level or above, at least one of which must be at the 4000-level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)
- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required
- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA for all minor course work.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of coursework graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours

Approval required Approval required by the department’s minor advisor, Dr. Gloria Torrini-Roblin

Filing the minor program form The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school advisor, but preferably much earlier.

Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the department’s minor advisor, Dr. Gloria Torrini-Roblin.

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