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. Students who have at least a 3.3 overall GPA in their French courses may petition to have one 3000- 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 business, government, or NGOs. Students attracted to the cultures and literatures of French-speaking regions outside of France will want to follow the Francophone studies sample.

Students interested in a minor in French are asked to contact the Department’s minor advisor, 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.6) (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 petition with Dr. Spencer.

Students minoring in French are strongly encouraged to study abroad in one of our several 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:
- Prerequisite courses for all options are French 1101, 1102, 1103, and 2101 (classroom or individualized).
- 3101 is required for all minors and is counted toward the 12 credit hours.
- One course taught in English in FRIT at the 3000-5000 level may be counted toward the minor by petition.

Culture/film sample curriculum (12 credit hours)
French 3101; one of the following: 3401, 3402; and one of the following: 3201, 3202, 3403; and one of the following: 4401, 5401, 5701
French for professions sample (12 credit hours)
French 3101 and 3501; and two of the following: 3401, 3402, 4401, 5401

Language/Linguistics sample (12 credit hours)
French 3101; and two of the following: 3102, 3103, 3401, 3402; and one of the following: 4100, 5103 (note, however, that 4100 is a prerequisite for 5103).

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, 3201, 3402; and one of the following: 5205, 5206, 5207.

French minor program guidelines
The following guidelines govern this minor.

Required for graduation: No

Credits 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 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- 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 counselor, 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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