

**The Ohio State University
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of French and Italian
French Minor (FRENCH-MN)**

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A French minor is an excellent way for students in a variety of majors to gain additional skills. A minor in French not only enables students to speak, read, write, and listen in a second language, but also equips individuals with insight into and the ability to think critically about another culture's rich history, literature, and arts.

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.

Language Prerequisites (0-4 courses; 0-15 CH)

To complete the required minor coursework at the 3000 level and above (see required courses below), students must first demonstrate intermediate proficiency through French 2101. This proficiency can be demonstrated by:

- Placement testing
- Credit by examination (AP/IB etc.)
- Course enrollment/completion
- A combination of testing and coursework

The beginning/intermediate course sequence for French is as follows:

FRENCH 1101.xx > 1102.xx > 1103.xx > 2101.xx

Required Courses (2 courses; 6 CH)

1. FRENCH 3101
2. Choose one of the following: FRENCH 3201, 3202, 3401, 3402, 3403, 3501, 3502, or 3503

Elective Courses (2 courses; 6 CH)

Choose one additional FRENCH course taught in French at the 3000 level or above and one French course taught in French at the 4000 level or above.

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 it cannot replace a course taught in French at the 4000 or 5000 level.

Suggested Course Pathways Note: Students are NOT required to choose a pathway but may do so if they wish.

Culture/film sample curriculum

FRENCH 3101; one or two of the following: FRENCH 3401, 3402; one or two of the following: FRENCH 3201, 3202, 3403; and one or two of the following: FRENCH 4401, 5401, 5701, 5702.

French for the professions sample

FRENCH 3101 and 3501; and two of the following: FRENCH 3401, 3402, 3502, 3503, 4401, 5401, 5403

Literature sample

FRENCH 3101, 3201, 3202; and one of the following: FRENCH 4401, 5201, 5202, 5203, 5204, 5205, 5401, 5403

Francophone studies sample

FRENCH 3101, 3202, and 3402; and one of the following: FRENCH 4401, 5205.

French minor program guidelines

Credit hours required A minimum of 12. 1000-level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credit hours must be upper-level courses as defined by the College of Arts and Sciences.

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 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

Declaring the minor

Students should see their assigned academic advisor to declare the minor prior to the filing of the graduation application. Students do not need the approval of the Department of French and Italian to declare the minor.

Approval of Coursework

Initial approval of the minor coursework:

Students should obtain a signed minor program form from the Department of French and Italian that outlines their planned coursework. If a student's coursework changes after this form has been completed, additional approval(s) may be required. Please email Dr. Rebecca Wetzel.215 for further guidance.

Approval for courses not listed on this form to apply to the minor program:

Students must obtain the approval of the Department of French and Italian to apply courses not listed on this form toward the French minor. Please email Dr. Rebecca Wetzel.215 to request approval.

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