

# FRENCH, BA

Develop global perspectives sought by companies, educational institutions and NGOs in the U.S., France and other French-speaking countries (Canada, Haiti, Belgium, Congo, etc.), and explore our many study abroad (<http://uwm.edu/cie/study-abroad/>) opportunities. Students who enter UWM with advanced French can earn both a bachelor's and master's in 5 years to become a translator/interpreter.

Fluency in French can provide a career advantage in all types of professions including business, medicine, law, the arts, politics, government work, and more. The country of France is a leader in science and high-tech, architecture, fashion, and cuisine, making French fluency valuable in these industries as well.

At UWM, language students receive an education in not just language fluency but also in the culture surrounding that language. Context matters in communication, and we believe it is important for students to understand the history, literature, and customs of native speakers of French in order to successfully apply their fluency.

Student with no previous experience in French will start in the introductory French language class; those who have studied French in high school should take the placement exam to determine if they can start at a higher level. Students who place in a higher-level course who subsequently complete that course with a "B" or better may receive retroactive credits for the courses that were skipped.

## Course of Study – Bachelor of Arts Degree

Complete 120 credits including 75 credits in the College of Letters & Science and with 36 of the 75 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses.

The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major. The College also requires that students complete at least 30 credits overall in residence at UWM. For additional residency and transfer credit limitations, see L&S Undergraduate Policies and Regulations (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/#policiesandregulationstext>).

Students are also required to complete University-wide General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/policies/undergraduate-policies/#bachelorsdegreeregulationstext>) and the specific L&S requirements listed below.

To complete a major, students must satisfy all the requirements of the major as stated in this catalog. Students who declare their majors within five years of entering the UW System as a degree candidate may satisfy the requirements outlined in any catalog issued since the time they entered. Credits used to satisfy the major also may be used to satisfy other degree requirements.

## University General Education Requirements (GER)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Oral and Written Communication</b>		
<i>Part A</i>		
Achieve a grade of C or better in the following course:		
ENGLISH 102	College Writing and Research (or equivalent)	
<i>Part B</i>		

Course designated as OWC-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement

### Quantitative Literacy

#### Part A

Earn at least 3 credits with a grade of C or higher in one of the following courses or an equivalent course, or achieve a placement code of at least 30 on the mathematics placement test (or other appropriate test, as determined by the Mathematical Sciences Department)

MATH 102	Mathematical Literacy for College Students II
MATH 103	Contemporary Applications of Mathematics
MATH 105	Introduction to College Algebra
MATH 108	Algebraic Literacy II
MATH 111	Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning <sup>1</sup>
or PHILOS 111	Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning
MATH 116	College Algebra
Or equivalent course	

#### Part B

Course designated as QL-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement

### Arts

Select 3 credits 3

### Humanities

Select 6 credits 6

### Social Sciences

Select 6 credits 6

### Natural Sciences

Select 6 credits (at least two courses including one lab) 6

### UWM Foreign Language Requirement

Complete Foreign Language Requirement through:

Two years (high school) of a single foreign language

Two semesters (college) of a single foreign language

Or equivalent

### UWM Cultural Diversity Requirement

One course from the Arts, Humanities, or Social Sciences must also satisfy UWM's Cultural Diversity requirement

<sup>1</sup> Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

## College of Letters & Science Requirements

The degree requirements in the College of Letters and Science build on the University General Education Requirements to provide a broad base of knowledge as well as an array of skills cited by employers as critical to professional success: critical thinking, problem solving, oral and written communication, ability to work well with others, and adaptability to change.

For the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), you must complete the UWM General Education Requirements as well as these L&S requirements: the International requirement, the Breadth requirement, and the Research requirement. The International requirement develops your potential for cross-cultural understanding in a globalizing world. The Breadth

requirement ensures that you take classes in a wide variety of subjects, across humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. The Research requirement calls for you to build your critical thinking and oral and written communication skills through conducting an independent research project, usually in your major.

For the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) you will also complete the Language other than English requirement, to further develop your understanding of cultures through language.

### I. Total Credits and Upper-Division Courses Requirement

Students must complete 120 credits including 75 credits in the College of Letters & Science and with 36 of the 75 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses.

### II. Language other than English Requirement

Students doing the BA must fulfill the language other than English requirement by either successfully completing the fourth semester of university work or equivalent in one language other than English, or by successfully completing the second semester of university work or equivalent in two languages other than English (including all world languages and American Sign Language).

Language courses (including American Sign Language) other than English taken in high school may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. One year of high school language equates to one semester of college work. Proficiency tests approved by the Languages faculty may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement.

Completion of the L&S Language Requirement also satisfies the university-wide Language other than English GER, but not vice versa.

### III. International Requirement

To meet the International Requirement, students must successfully complete some three course (minimum 9 credits) combination of

1. language other than English (*not* including American Sign Language) at 3rd semester level or above, *and/or*
2. non-language courses with L&S approved international content (see Courses Approved for the L&S International Requirement (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-international-requirement/>) for course options).

### IV. Breadth Requirement

In addition to completing the University General Education Requirements, L&S students must complete the Breadth requirement.

The L&S Breadth requirement calls for 6 credits each in L&S courses designated L&S Humanities, L&S Natural Sciences, and L&S Social Sciences breadth. One of the L&S Natural Science breadth courses must be a laboratory or fieldwork course. These courses must be beyond and in addition to courses in those areas used to satisfy General Education Requirements.

Please refer to the list of Courses Approved for the L&S Breadth Requirement (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/breadth-requirement-course-list/>).

### V. The Major

The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the major attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including any transfer work. Individual departments or programs may require higher GPAs for graduation. Some departmental majors require courses from other departments. Contact your major department for information on

whether those credits will count as part of the major GPA. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major.

### Research Requirement

Within their majors, students must complete a research experience approved by the L&S faculty. A list of courses satisfying the research requirement in each major can be found here (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-research-requirement/>).

### VI. The Minor

Students are encouraged to consider completing a minor, but it is not required. To complete a minor, the College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the minor attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all minor credits attempted, including any transfer work. The minor must contain at least 9 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 and above) courses.

## Major Requirements

The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA on all credits in the major attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including any transfer work.

The major in French consists of 37 credits, at least 15 numbered above 303 taken in residence at UWM.<sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Credits
<b>The beginning and intermediate level sequence<sup>1</sup></b>		
FRENCH 104	Second-Semester French	4
FRENCH 203	Third-Semester French	3
FRENCH 204	Fourth-Semester French	3
FRENCH 303	Conversation and Composition: Intermediate Level	3
<b>One of the following electives:<sup>2</sup></b>		<b>3</b>
GLOBAL 102	Introduction to Global Languages and Cultures	
FRENCH 145	Views of France:	
	Any French course at the 300-level or above	
<b>Select 21 credits from the two categories below as follows:</b>		<b>21</b>
<i>Select 6-12 credits from the following 300-level courses<sup>1</sup></i>		
FRENCH 324	Contemporary French Language and Culture	
FRENCH 325	Intensive Grammar and Usage	
FRENCH 332	Reading French Texts	
FRENCH 334	French on Screen	
<i>Select 9-15 credits at the 350 level or above<sup>3</sup></i>		
FRENCH 357	Literature of the French-Speaking World in Translation:	
FRENCH 392	Phonetics	
FRENCH 410	French Immersion: Advanced	
FRENCH 426	Growing Up French	
FRENCH 427	Advanced Written Expression	
FRENCH 428	Castles, Cathedrals, and Common People: The Foundations of French Culture	

FRENCH 429	Royalty, Reason, and Revolution: The Golden Age of French Culture	
FRENCH 430	Reaction and Innovation: French Culture of the 19th and 20th Centuries	
FRENCH 431	Seminar in Literature of the Francophone World:	
FRENCH 432	Seminar in French and Francophone Cultures:	
FRENCH 433	Seminar in French Literature:	
FRENCH 450	Institutions and Culture of Contemporary France	
FRENCH 451	Cinema of the French-Speaking World:	
FRENCH 457	Topics in French and Francophone Studies in Translation:	
FRENCH 489	Internship in French	
FRENCH 510	Seminar on Masterpieces of Literature Written in French:	
FRENCH 520	Seminar in Contemporary French Literature:	
FRENCH 592	Seminar in French Language:	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>37</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students receiving a B or better in any of these lower division courses, or FRENCH 324 or FRENCH 325, if it is their first French course at university level, can receive retro-credits for all the first- and second-year courses preceding that course in the sequence, up to 14 credits. For example, a student completing FRENCH 303 as the first French course at UWM with a B or better would receive the 3 credits for FRENCH 303 and 14 credits for first- and second-year sequence.

<sup>2</sup> Study abroad courses (numbered 297, 397 or 497), internship credits (numbered 289 and 489) or immersion weekends (numbered 210 or 410), can count toward these credits. Students are encouraged to consult with French faculty members about these options.

<sup>3</sup> Only one course taught in English can be counted toward the 15 upper-division elective credits. Courses taught in English are FRENCH 357; FRENCH 383; and FRENCH 457.

## Additional Requirements

All French majors are required to pass an advanced language proficiency examination, which they are advised to take in the second-to-last semester of their BA.

## French BA Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from the French, B.A. program will be able to:

- Interact and negotiate meaning in spoken or written conversations in French to share information, reactions, feelings, and opinions.
- Present information, concepts, and ideas in French to inform, explain, persuade, and narrate on a variety of topics using appropriate media and adapting to various audiences of listeners, readers, or viewers.
- Synthesize, interpret, and analyze what is heard, read, or viewed on a variety of topics in French.
- Investigate, explain, and reflect on the relationship among cultural products, practices and perspectives and identify and analyze similarities and differences between cultures.
- Access and evaluate information in a variety of disciplines and conduct online and library research in French.

- Reflect on their progress in acquiring communicative and intercultural competence and develop a plan for continuing their language learning.

## Advising

The French Faculty Advisor works closely with students to develop an individual course of study that fulfills program requirements, prepares them to meet their professional and educational goals, and incorporates opportunities to use French outside of the classroom when possible, including during international study abroad experiences or internships.

## Letters & Science Advising

During your time at UWM, you may have multiple members of your success team, including advisors, peer mentors and success coaches. Letters & Science students typically work with at least two different types of advisors as they pursue their degrees: professional college advisors and faculty advisors. L&S college advisors advise across your entire degree program while departmental faculty advisors focus on the major.

**College advisors** are located in Holton Hall (or virtually for online students) and serve as your primary advisor. They are your point person for your questions about navigating college and completing your degree. College advisors will:

- Assist you in defining your academic and life goals.
- Help you create an educational plan that is consistent with those goals.
- Assist you in understanding curriculum, major and degree requirements for graduation, as well as university policies and procedures.
- Provide you with information about campus and community resources and refer you to those resources as appropriate.
- Monitor your progress toward graduation and completion of requirements.

**Faculty advisors** mentor students in the major and assist them in maximizing their development in the program. You will begin working with a faculty advisor when you declare your major. Faculty advisors are an important partner and will:

- Help you understand major requirements and course offerings in the department.
- Explain opportunities for internships and undergraduate research and guide you in obtaining those experiences.
- Serve as an excellent resource as you consider potential graduate programs and career paths in your field.

Students are encouraged to meet with both their college advisor and faculty advisor at least once each semester. Appointments are available in-person, by phone or by video.

Currently enrolled students should use the Navigate360 website (<https://uwm.navigate.eab.com/>) to make an appointment with your assigned advisor or call (414) 229-4654 if you do not currently have an assigned Letters & Science advisor. Prospective students who haven't enrolled in classes yet should call (414) 229-7711 or email [let-sci@uwm.edu](mailto:let-sci@uwm.edu).

## Accelerated Program Option

This program is offered as part of an accelerated graduate program. For more information, see Accelerated Graduate Degrees (<https://>

[catalog.uwm.edu/opportunities-resources/accelerated-graduate-degrees/](https://catalog.uwm.edu/opportunities-resources/accelerated-graduate-degrees/)).

## College of Letters and Science Dean's Honor List

GPA of 3.750 or above, earned on a full-time student's GPA on 12 or more graded credits in a given semester.

## Honors College Degree and Honors College Degree with Distinction

Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/honors-college/>) section of this site.

## Commencement Honors

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester, will receive all-university commencement honors and be awarded the traditional gold cord at the December or May Honors Convocation. Please note that for honors calculation, the GPA is **not** rounded and is truncated at the third decimal (e.g., 3.499).

## Final Honors

Earned on a minimum of 60 graded UWM credits: Cum Laude - 3.500 or above; Magna Cum Laude - 3.650 or above; Summa Cum Laude - 3.800 or above.