**French and Italian**

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**French**

The major in French introduces students to the literature, culture, and thought of France and the Francophone world, including North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean. Students may also explore Creole and Cajun languages in linguistics classes and field work. The junior year and semester abroad programs are integral to the majors in French and Italian and are also encouraged for non-majors as well.

**Placement**

Entering freshmen are placed at the appropriate level by assessment of their high school records. Successful completion of French 203 or H203, placement above the 200 level, a score of 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement examination or a score of 640 or better on the College Board examination fulfills the language requirement for graduation.

**Major**

Basic core for the French major, 33 credits, is as follows:

**Group I Basic Core Courses (15 credits)**  
FREN 313 French Media and oral Performance (3)  
FREN 314 Phonetics (3) or FREN 307 Linguistics (3)  
FREN 315 Advanced French Grammar and Translation (3)  
FREN 321 Introduction to Literary Analysis (3)  
FREN 325 French Society and Institutions (3)  
One 400-level course*(1)

**Group II Advanced Courses (18 credits)**  
Four advanced courses in French (400- or 600-level) which may include one literature in translation course at the 300 level. These four courses may also include an elective at the advanced level in a related field outside the department, e.g., a course in French art or French history.

JYA students must take at least one of these advanced courses on the Tulane campus.

595 Senior Seminar
Minor

The minor consists of six courses as follows: 18 credits
Three required courses: 307 or 313 or 314 and 315, 321
One out of two courses: 325- or 400-level
Two or more courses of which one must be at the 400-level

FREN H101 Elementary French I (4)
Staff. An introduction to the skills of speaking, listening, reading, and writing French and to Francophone cultures.

FREN 101 Elementary French I (4)
Staff. An introduction to the skills of speaking, listening, reading, and writing French and to Francophone cultures.

FREN H102 Elementary French II (4)
Staff. A continuation of the objectives presented in French I. Offered every spring semester. Open to students with B+ or better in French 101.

FREN 102 Elementary French II (4)
Staff. Prerequisite: FREN 101. A continuation of the objectives presented in French I.

FREN H203 Intermediate French (4)
Staff. Prerequisite: FREN 102, or admission by departmental placement. Intermediate French language with emphasis on reading, conversation, and composition.

FREN 203 Intermediate French (4)
Staff. Prerequisite: FREN 102 or admission by departmental placement. Intermediate French language with emphasis on reading, conversation, and composition.

FREN 213 Intermediate French Conversation (2)
Staff. Prerequisite FREN 203 or equivalent. Designed to improve the ability to understand spoken French through the use of audio tapes, videos and multi-media, interactive computer assisted instruction. Course meets twice a week. May not be used to fulfill the language proficiency requirement.

FREN 217 Elementary Haitian Creole (3)
Staff. This course introduces the basic to intermediate-level vocabulary and grammar of Haitian Creole. No previous knowledge of Creole is required, but some familiarity with French or Spanish is desirable.

FREN 301 Topics in French Cultural Studies (3)
Staff. Topics of literary, cultural, and historical interest are offered on a regular basis by departmental faculty. The course is designed to introduce students to France from a variety of critical perspectives. These may include social space, Le Grand Siècle, autobiography, Paris as myth and reality, civility, food, institutions of schooling or the cultural production of “Frenchness.” Offered in translation. A writing practicum is available for students who wish to fulfill the college writing requirement with this course.

FREN 302 French Feminisms (3)
Ms. Glidden. This course attempts to provide a basic vocabulary for the discussion of gender and sexuality. It introduces the philosophical notion of difference, thus encouraging reflection on women as a category of thought. Finally, it explores the peculiarly French approach to feminism, so that a culture in its specificity may be better known. Throughout the course, the richness of feminism as a historical, cultural, and theoretical movement will be discussed. Offered in translation. A writing practicum is available for students who wish to fulfill the college writing requirement with this course.

FREN 303 Women Writers of the French and Francophone World (3)
Ms. Dobie, Ms. McCall, Ms. McGrady. Introduction to works by major French and/or Francophone women writers, in translation. The course may focus on works by contemporary women writers, or examine texts from a range of historical periods. The issues raised in this course may include: the material conditions in which women have written; problems of publication; the specificity of women’s writing; the conceptualization of gender; gender, race, and class. A writing practicum is available in conjunction with this course.

FREN 304 African and Caribbean Literature (3)
Mr. Watts, Mr. Sellin. An introduction to the African and Caribbean literary movements that emerged in the 1930s as a reaction to European theories of culture and colonial practices. Readings and discussion entirely in English. A writing practicum is available for students who wish to fulfill the college writing requirement with this course.

FREN 305 Literature in Exile (3)
Mr. Watts. A presentation of recent works by writers born in the French-speaking former colonies of Africa and the Caribbean, but living and writing elsewhere (e.g., Paris, Montreal, Brooklyn). Some of the questions the course will endeavor to answer are: What happens to cultures when they are displaced? How does one conceive of "home" when in exile, and is it possible to return? Is "rootlessness" a source of creativity, or a detriment to it? Reading and discussions entirely in English. May count toward the major or minor in French.

FREN 307 French Around the World (3)
Mr. Klingler. A linguistic survey of the Francophone world, with particular focus on French outside of France. The course begins with a historical look at the spread of French within and beyond Europe, then examines in turn the major French-speaking populations of Europe, North America, the Caribbean, Africa, the Indian Ocean, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific. While linguistic variation in each region will be considered, the main emphasis will be on sociolinguistic issues such as bilingualism and language contact, language politics and planning, linguistic insecurity, and language in education. Option for the major and minor in French.

FREN 311 French Cinema (3)
Ms. McCarren, Mr. Ramazani. French film from its origins in 1895 to the present. Early film, technology, and physiology: the Lumières, Marey, Meliès; classic French cinema: Renoir, Gance. The French New Wave: Renais, Truffaut, Godard, and others. Avant-garde, surrealist, and science fiction films; postmodernity, film and video; women filmmakers and feminist film theory. Attendance at screening is required. Taught in English; films in French with English subtitles.

FREN 313 French Media and Oral Performance (3)
Staff. Prerequisite: FREN 203 or equivalent. Students will improve their listening comprehension of French, improve their oral performance, and gain familiarity with aspects of contemporary French society through the study of film, television, the news media, etc. Students will acquire an active knowledge of new vocabulary and develop a greater sensitivity to the distinctions between various levels of language. Required for the major.

FREN 314 French Phonetics (3)
Mr. Klingler. Prerequisite: FREN 203 or equivalent. The study of the sound system of French for improving pronunciation. Students learn the fundamental concepts of phonetics, phonemes, and contrastive analysis while also practicing French pronunciation and learning to convert French spelling into phonetic transcription using the International Phonetic Alphabet. Independent work in the language laboratory is an important component of the course. Option for the major and minor in French.

FREN 315 Advanced Grammar and Composition (3)
Staff. Prerequisite: FREN 203 or equivalent. French 203 may be taken concurrently. A thorough and comprehensive review of French grammar, including principles and distinctions not usually covered in lower and intermediate courses. Mastery of principles will be reinforced through oral and written class drill, frequent testing, and directed composition. Required for the major and minor.

FREN 321 Introduction to Literary Analysis (3)
Staff. Prerequisites: completion of language requirement, FREN 315, or departmental approval. The course provides students with the requisite tools of literary interpretation and analysis. By reading closely a variety of literary texts drawn from different periods and genres, students will become familiar with the fundamentals of criticism and poetics. Regular writing assignments are required. Required for the major and minor.

FREN 325 French Society and Institutions (3)
Staff. Prerequisites: completion of the language requirement, FREN 315, or approval of department. An introduction to French society and the institutions that shaped it. Using periodization to define particular historical movements such as the Gallo-Roman period, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, Enlightenment, revolutionary France, and the Third Republic, the course focuses on historical and architectural sites in Paris and the provinces to consider issues of French identity. Required for the major.

FREN 333 French Literature in Translation (3)
Staff. Subject varies with instructor. May treat a particular literary period, a genre, or a subject, e.g., fatal love in French Literature. May be repeated for credit. A writing practicum is available for students who wish to fulfill the college writing requirement with this course.

FREN 388 Writing Practicum (1)
Staff. Writing practicum in English or French. Fulfills the college writing requirement for non-majors.

FREN 410 French in Louisiana (3)
Mr. Klingler. Prerequisite: 300 level or equivalent. An introduction to the French-related language varieties spoken in Louisiana: Cajun, Creole and Colonial French. Examines the history of their implantation and development in Louisiana, their basic structural features, and the main sociolinguistic issues surrounding their use. Attention will also be given to language planning measures currently being taken to revitalize the French language in the state. A writing practicum is available. French majors may use it to fulfill the college writing requirement.

FREN 411 Field Research on French in Louisiana (3)
Mr. Klingler. No prerequisites but FREN 314, 410, and/or courses in linguistics are highly recommended. Students will interview and record speakers of Cajun, Creole, and Colonial French in various parts of Louisiana. Working individually and in groups, they will then transcribe the recordings for purposes of linguistic description and analysis. A writing practicum is available. French majors may use it to fulfill the college writing requirement. Same as FREN 611

FREN 422 Medieval French Literature (3)
Ms. McGrady, Ms. Poe. Prerequisite: 300 level or equivalent. Readings in modern translation of such works as La Chanson de Roland, Chrétien de Troyes’ Perceval, Béroul’s Tristan, Aucassine et Nicolette and the poetry of Guillaume de Machaut, Christine de Pisan, and François Villon. A writing practicum is available. French majors may use it to fulfill the college writing requirement.

FREN 424 Women in the Middle Ages (3)
Ms. McGrady. A study of the socio-political role of women in France from the twelfth to the fifteenth centuries through an examination of their image in literature, art, Church doctrine, historical writings, and law.

FREN 432 Renaissance Literature (3)
Ms. Glidden. Prerequisite: 300 level or equivalent. A survey of representative works of outstanding authors of the period: Marot, Rabelais, Ronsard, DuBellay, Montaigne, and D’Aubigné. Both poetry and prose will be studied against the backdrop of the history and civilization of the Renaissance in France. A writing practicum is available. French majors may use it to fulfill the college writing requirement. Same as FREN 632.

FREN 434 Parchment, Print and PC’s: A History of the Book and Its Forms (3)
Ms. McGrady. Prerequisite: 300 level or equivalent. An introduction to the history of the book from medieval manuscripts to modern hypertext through a study of literary, historical, and critical readings. The course focuses on the impact that the medium, whether it be the traditional book or the computer screen, has on authorship, the writing process, and reading practices. A writing practicum is available.

FREN 442 17th-Century Drama (3)
Mr. Koch. Prerequisite: 300 level or equivalent. Corneille, Molière, Racine. Utilizes videos of Comédie-Française performances. Development of critical sense through discussion. A writing practicum is available. French majors may use it to fulfill the college writing requirement. Same as FREN 642.

FREN 452 18th-Century Literature (3)
Ms. Dobie. Prerequisite: 300 level or equivalent. An introduction to the Enlightenment through readings in the experimental genres developed in the 18th century. Authors include Marivaux, Prévost, Montesquieu, Rousseau, Voltaire, Diderot, and Beaumarchais. A writing practicum is available. French majors may use it to fulfill the college writing requirement. Same as FREN 652.

FREN 456, 457 Internship Studies (1-3, 1-3)
Staff. Prerequisites: approval of instructor and department. An experiential learning process coupled with pertinent academic course work. Open only to juniors and seniors in good standing. Registration is completed in the academic department sponsoring the internship on TUTOR. (Note: A maximum of six credits may be earned in one or two courses.)

FREN 462 19th Century Literature (3)
Ms. McCall, Mr. Ramazani. Prerequisite: 300 level or equivalent. Representative works of such authors as Chateaubriand, Constant, Staael, Stendhal, Balzac, Sand, Hugo, Nerval, Flaubert, the Goncourts, Zola. A writing practicum is available. French majors may use it to fulfill the college writing requirement.

FREN 472 20th-Century French Literature (3)
Ms. McCarren, Mr. Sellin. Prerequisite: 300 level or equivalent. An introduction to major poets, playwrights and novelists of the 20th century, from Proust and Valéry through Beckett, Robbe-Grillet, and Duras. Readings include whole novels and plays, selected poetry, and excerpts from other works. A writing practicum is available. French majors may use it to fulfill the college writing requirement.
FREN 480 Survey of Francophone Literature (3)
Mr. Watts, Mr. Sellin. Prerequisite: 300 level or equivalent. A lecture and discussion course on the historical and aesthetic evolution of the Francophone literature of Africa, the Maghreb, and the Caribbean. The creative works will be explored in the socio-political framework of colonization and decolonization as well as in terms of their own intrinsic qualities. A writing practicum is available. French majors may use it to fulfill the college writing requirement.

FREN 481, 482 Special Topics (3, 3)
Staff. A writing practicum is available. French majors may use it to fulfill the college writing requirement.

FREN 488 Writing Practicum (1)
Staff. Writing practicum. Fulfills the college writing requirement for French majors.

FREN H491, H492 Independent Studies (3, 3)
Staff. Open to outstanding students provided approval of department is granted and an appropriate faculty director is available.

FREN H499-H500 Honors Thesis (3, 4)
Staff. Admission by departmental and Honors Committee approval.

FREN 595 Senior Seminar (3)
Staff. Prerequisite: senior standing. Content is consistently broad in scope and either thematic or generic in orientation, e.g., theme of the quest from the Middle Ages to the 20th century; the evolution of genre, i.e., the lyric poem, from its medieval beginnings to the present. Offered each fall. Required for the major.

FREN 607 Survey of French Linguistics (3)

FREN 615 Introduction to Critical Theory (3)
Mr. Ramanzani, Staff. Exploration of some of the principal linguistic, anthropological, psychoanalytic, philosophical, and sociological currents informing recent approaches to the study of literature and culture.

FREN 621 History of the French Language (3)
Ms. Poe. The development of Latin into French and subsequent evolution of the latter through the Old French period.

FREN 622 Medieval French Literature (3)
See FREN 422 for course description.

FREN 623 Late Medieval French Literature (3)
Ms. McGrady. Intensive readings in Middle French of representative authors of the 13th through the 15th centuries: Jean de Meun, Machaut, Deschamps, Froissart, Christine de Pizan, Chartier.

FREN 624 Women in the Middle Ages (3)
Ms. McGrady. A study of the socio-political role of women in France from the 12th to the 15th centuries through an examination of their image in literature, art, Church doctrine, historical writings, and law.

FREN 631 Renaissance Poetry and Drama (3)
Ms. Glidden. Careful analysis of the works of the major poets: Marot, the Ecole Lyonnaise, the Pléiade, and the late century poets. The second half of the course focuses on tragedy and comedy with emphasis on the plays of Jodelle, Garnier, Jean de La Taille, and Larivey. Special attention will be paid to changes in aesthetics and poetics as well as to the relationship between poetry and drama.

FREN 632 Renaissance Prose (3)
See French 432 for description.

FREN 641 17th-Century Literature I (3)
See FREN 441 for description.

FREN 642 17th-Century Literature II (3)
See FREN 442 for course description.

FREN 651 Topics in 18th-Century Literature (3)
Ms. Dobie. Advanced study of 18th-century literature and culture focussing on a specific theme, genre, or problematic. Examples include: 18th century Theater; Women and Writing in 18th Century France; The Birth of Anthropology in 18th Century France. In addition to addressing a specific theme or area of study, this course offers fairly broad coverage of the canonical works of the period. A writing practicum is available in conjunction with this course.

FREN 652 18th-Century Literature (3)
Ms. Dobie. Prerequisite: 300 level or equivalent. Advanced introduction to the Enlightenment through readings in the experimental genres developed in the 18th century. Authors include Marivaux, Prevost, Montesquieu, Rousseau, Voltaire, Diderot, and Beaumarchais. A writing practicum is available. French majors may use it to fulfill the college writing requirement.

FREN 661 19th-Century Prose I (3)
Ms. McCall. Prose writers of the first half of the 19th century, including Chateaubriand, Balzac, Stendahl, Sand, Sainte-Beuve, and Mme de Stael. Emphasis on the social and political context of post-revolutionary France.

FREN 662 19th-Century Prose II (3)
Mr. Ramazani. Prose writers of the second half of the 19th century, with emphasis on Flaubert, the Goncourts, Zola, Maupassant, Daudet, and Anatole France. Critical theories of Taine and Zola. Lectures on the history, especially political, of the period insofar as it has a bearing upon the literature.

FREN 663 19th-Century Poetry (3)
Mr. Ramazani. Romantic, Parnassian, and Symbolist movements, with emphasis on Lamartine, Hugo, Musset, Vigny, Gautier, Hérédia, Baudelaire, Verlaine, Rimbaud, Mallarmé, and Laforgue with the doctrines that each movement adhered to and promulgated.

FREN 664 19th-Century Drama (3)
Ms. McCarren. The scandalous and spectacular French theater of the 19th century: melodrama and Romanticism, the economics of the Théâtre du Boulevard, the Opéra de Paris; the poetic theater of Symbolisme; the impact of Wagner in France. The course will include historical and literary texts of the theater and videos of contemporary productions of some plays. The course will include works by Hugo, Gautier, Dumas fils, and Oscar Wilde's French play Salomé.

FREN 665 Romanticism (3)
Ms. McCall. Study of Romantic authors including: Bernardin de Saint-Pierre, Stael, Chateaubriand, Desbordes-Valmore, Balzac, Tristan, Sand.

FREN 771 Foreign Language Methodology & Technology (2)
Ms. McGrady. The course will cover practical issues relevant to teaching foreign language at the university. Designing and implementing lesson plans, assessment techniques, and the evolving role of technology in the foreign language classroom will be discussed. Students will learn to evaluate and create websites for teaching language and culture.

Italian

Entering freshmen are placed at the appropriate level by assessment of their high school records.

Major

A major in Italian consists of nine courses beyond Intermediate Italian 203. The student is required to take the following courses: 300, 313, 325; four courses devoted to literature on the 400 or 600 level; and two electives.

Minor

A minor in Italian consists of six courses above 203, including 300, 313, and 325.

ITAL 101 Elementary Italian I (4)
Staff. Development of the skills of speaking, understanding, reading, and writing Italian both in the classroom and the language laboratory. Four class meetings and one language laboratory session per week.

ITAL 102 Elementary Italian II (4)
Staff. A continuation of the objectives presented in Italian I with special emphasis on reading. Four class meetings and one language laboratory session per week.

ITAL 203 Intermediate Italian (4)
Staff. A complete second-year course. Intensive grammar review with readings from standard Italian texts. Comprehension and conversational skills are stressed. Written expression also emphasized. Four class meetings and one laboratory session per week.

ITAL 300 Introduction to Italian Literature (3)
Ms. Hallock, Ms. Carroll. Prerequisite: ITAL 203. An introduction to Italian literature, including readings from Dante, Petrarch, Boccaccio, Poliziano, Machiavelli, Ariosto, Castiglione, Goldoni, Manzoni, Pirandello, Benedetto Croce, among others. This course will be taught in Italian.
ITAL 313 Advanced Conversation and Composition (3)
Ms. Carroll. Prerequisite: ITAL 203 or equivalent. The course aims primarily at perfecting the student’s speaking and writing ability. Articles taken from newspapers, periodicals, etc., serve as a basis for discussion and familiarize students with contemporary Italy. The course presupposes a solid grammatical foundation and any grammar review is given only on an individual basis.

ITAL 325 Italian Language and Culture (3)
Ms. Hallock, Ms. Carroll. Prerequisite: ITAL 313 or approval of department. The course aims at improving the speaking and writing ability of students while familiarizing them with the development of Italian culture and history from the Middle Ages to the 20th century. Students discuss historical events and answer questions using the grammar and idioms learned in the grammar review. Writing assignments are based on the historical and cultural component of the course.

ITAL 333 Italian Literature in Translation (3)
Staff. Subject varies with instructor. A study of the major contributions of Italian literature to Western thought. The course emphasizes particularly those authors whose works have interdisciplinary ramifications, e.g., Dante, Machiavelli, Galileo. May be repeated for credit, provided that a different topic is covered.

ITAL 401 Topics in Origins and Masterpieces of 13th- and 14th-Century Italian Literature (3)
Ms. Hallock, Ms. Carroll. Prerequisite: 300-level course. Topics may include St. Francis and early minor authors, Dante’s Divine Comedy and early works, Boccaccio’s Decameron and minor works, Petrarch’s Canzoniere and minor works. May be repeated for credit provided a different topic is covered. Same as ITAL 601

ITAL 402 Topics in Renaissance Literature (3)
Ms. Hallock, Ms. Carroll. Prerequisite: 300-level course. Topics may include the literati of the Medici court, Michelangelo, lyric poetry of the Petrarchisti, the drama, the epic poem, political and social treatises. May be repeated for credit provided a different topic is covered. Same as ITAL 602.

ITAL 403 Topics in 17th- and 18th-Century Italian Literature (3)
Ms. Carroll. Prerequisite: 300-level course or approval of instructor. Works of various literary and philosophical writers will be studied. Topics may include the effect of the Inquisition, the Petrarchan and Arcadian traditions, theater as social and political laboratory, the beginnings of the Risorgimento in the works of such authors as Galileo, Bruno, Campanella, Marino, Vico, Metastasio, Alfieri, Gozzi, Goldoni, Parini, and Foscolo. May be repeated for credit provided a different topic is covered.

ITAL 404 Topics in 19th- and 20th-Century Italian Literature (3)
Ms. Hallock, Ms. Carroll. Prerequisite: 300-level course. Topics may include Manzoni, Verga, Leopardi, Carducci, D’Annunzio, Pascoli; 20th-century poetry, novel or drama. May be repeated for credit provided a different topic is covered. Same as ITAL 604.

ITAL 456, 457 Internship Studies (1-3, 1-3)
Staff. Prerequisites: approval of instructor and department. An experiential learning process coupled with pertinent academic course work. Open only to juniors and seniors in good standing. Registration is completed in the academic department sponsoring the internship on TUTOR. Only one internship may be completed per semester. (Note: A maximum of six credits may be earned in one or two courses.)

ITAL H491, H492 Independent Studies (3, 3)
Staff. Open to superior students with departmental approval.

ITAL H499-H500 Honors Thesis (3, 4)
Staff. Admission by department and Honors Committee approval.

ITAL 601 Topics in Origins and Masterpieces of 13th- and 14th-Century Italian Literature (3)
See Italian 401 for description.

ITAL 602 Topics in Renaissance Literature (3)
See Italian 402 for description.

ITAL 604 Topics in 19th- and 20th-Century Italian Literature (3)
See Italian 404 for description.

ITAL 615 Concepts of Literary Criticism (3)
Staff. Theories of literature and their application in practical criticism: textual, historical, structural, thematic, etc. Emphasis on contemporary schools of criticism. Same as FREN 615.
ITAL 691 Special Problems in Italian Literature (3)
Ms. Carroll, Ms. Hallock. Subject varies. Principally reading and research.

ITAL 692 Special Problems in Italian Language and Literature (3)
Ms. Carroll. Subject varies. Principally reading and research.