BA in Romance Languages with Emphasis in French

Degree Program Description

The BA in Romance Languages with an emphasis in French is the exploration of the language, literature, and culture of French-speaking countries. The degree requires a minimum of 30 hours of French beyond FRENCH 2100. Faculty strongly encourages all majors to spend at least one semester (or summer) studying abroad, preferably after their second year of the language. Given the liberal arts foundation of a degree in French students pursue careers in a variety of fields or continue their studies. Graduates have pursued careers in journalism, tourism, diplomacy, and education.

Major Program Requirements

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For the major, course work must be completed with a grade in the C range or higher in each of the required courses and students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in the major. Students must meet all major requirements listed below, as well as all College of Arts and Science and University graduation requirements (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements), including University general education (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements).

Students who work toward a double major (two BA degrees within the College of Arts and Science) may be able to complete the majors with a minimum of 120 credits. Students who are considering a dual degree program (in Arts and Science or in another school or college) are advised that a minimum of 132 credits are necessary.

To obtain the BA degree in Romance Languages with an emphasis in French, the following courses, or their equivalents, must be included in the graduation plan (numbers in parentheses indicate prerequisite courses).

Major Core Requirements

- FRENCH 2160 Intermediate French Composition and Conversation 3
- FRENCH 3160 Advanced French Composition and Conversation I 3
- FRENCH 3280 Commercial French
- FRENCH 3410 Introduction to Literary Analysis 3
- FRENCH 3420 Introduction to French Literature I 3
- FRENCH 3430 Introduction to French Literature II 3

Additional Requirements

- Students must complete five additional 4000-level courses. We encourage students to take Stylistics as one of these. French 4960: Special Readings cannot be used to fulfill this requirement except by permission of the department chair.
- Students beginning at a level higher than FRENCH 2160 due to placement testing must still complete 30 credits in order to receive the major.
- In addition, the student is required to take a Writing Intensive course in the major, normally designated sections of FRENCH 3420 or FRENCH 3430.
- It is highly recommended (not required) that students take FRENCH 2310 (http://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=FRENCH%202310): French Civilization as an elective and, if at all possible, study for a summer, a semester or a full year in a French-speaking country. This course will not count towards the minor or major.

Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student's actual plan may vary based on course choices where options are available.

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Total Credits: 110

* Course meets degree program requirements

* Course meets University general education and/or campus requirements

Electives may be replaced by courses that fulfill requirements for a double/dual major or a minor. For information on the Minor in French (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/additional-minors-certifications/minor-french).