The French program is designed for students wishing to improve their linguistic skills as well as their knowledge of Francophone literature and culture. The French program offers courses in advanced language, linguistics, literature, civilization, and culture, all taught exclusively in French. A French major may be part of the Secondary Foreign Language Teacher Licensure program.

**Academic Advising**

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a dual-advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major/faculty advisor.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:

**CLAS Academic Advising**
clas_advising@ucdenver.edu
Find your CLAS Advisor [here](#)
North Classroom (NC) Building 1030
303-556-2555

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

**Diane Dansereau**
diane.dansereau@ucdenver.edu
Visit the department website [here](#)
Plaza (PL) 118S
303-556-2760

**General Graduation Requirements & Policies**

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours passed
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) semester hours
4. Complete all college and major requirements
5. Residency: complete a minimum of 30 CLAS hours as a declared CLAS student at CU Denver
6. Terminal Residency: complete a minimum of 21 CLAS hours in the final 30 semester hours as a declared CLAS student at CU Denver

Credits exceeding the following maximum hour restrictions will not be applied toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:

- 56 semester hours in major department/prefix courses
- 16 semester hours Pass/Fail
- 12 semester hours of Independent Study
- 9 semester hours of internship credit
- 8 semester hours of physical education credit

**Career Resources**

Majoring in French is an excellent career booster. Knowledge of French language and culture improves your employment prospects by allowing you to take almost any career abroad or to work in international companies and organizations based in the United States. French is the official or second language in 55 countries world-wide and is used in numerous international organizations including the UN, NAFTA, NATO, the International Olympic committee, the World Health Organization, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent, and Doctors without Borders.

Pairing a French major with a second major in a field such as political science, history, biology, business or economics increases your marketability. A French major also helps prepare you for graduate study in business, law, health care, and for doctorates in a variety of fields. Future employers are attracted to French majors because they have the ability to function in unfamiliar environments, to communicate with people from differing backgrounds, and have great writing, communication and analytical skills. Fields with career opportunities in French include but are by no means limited to the following:

- Business & Marketing
- Fashion
- International Affairs
- Non-Governmental Org. (NGOs)
- Cinema & Performing Arts
- Foreign Service
- International Law
- Translation & Interpreting
- Culinary Arts
- Health Care
- Journalism & Publishing
- Tourism & Hospitality
- Education
- Human Rights
- Military
- Trade

Interested in learning more about career and occupational options for this major? Visit the CU Denver Career Center located in the Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 267 to speak with a career counselor. The Career Center also provides Career Briefs, overviews of careers related to specific CU Denver majors, which include related links and resources to the particular field and show potential jobs related to the major. Access Career Briefs [here](#).
Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department to confirm major requirements. Students completing the French B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Complete at least 30 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) semester hours with a grade of C (2.0) or better in each course and have at least a 2.5 GPA overall in the major.
2. No grade below C will be accepted toward the major requirements, nor will pass/fail grades. All courses must be taught in French. FREN 3200 will not count towards the major.
3. At least 18 semester hours in French must be taken with CU Denver faculty.
4. During their final semester in the language, French major students participate in an oral proficiency interview and take a written outcomes assessment exam to measure their level of proficiency and mastery of key concepts.

### Course Prerequisites

*Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information.*

#### Required Courses

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**Total Program Hours:** 30

### Sample Academic Plan of Study

The following plan is a sample pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors. Because students may enter university with varying levels of competency in foreign languages, it is of utmost importance to meet with the French faculty advisor as soon as possible. Regardless of level of French proficiency—no exposure or intermediate/advanced language ability—students benefit greatly from starting their French major or minor in their first semester at CU Denver. Beginning French courses are offered in both fall and spring terms. Students may start their language sequence in any term but summer. Some upper division courses are offered every other year. Please consult with the French Department for academic planning.

#### Milestones

**Fall**

- ENGL 1020 — Core Composition I 3 credits
- CU Core Mathematics 3 credits
- CU Core Behavioral Science 3 credits
- CU Core Arts 3 credits
- FREN 1001 4 credits

**Spring**

- ENGL 2030 — Core Composition II 3 credits
- CU Core Humanities M 3 credits
- FREN 1002 M 4 credits
- General Elective 3 credits

**Year One**

**Fall**

- FREN 3050 or 3060 3 credits
- FREN Upper-Division Elective 3 credits
- CU Core International Perspectives M 3 credits
- CU Core Science with Lab 4 credits

**Spring**

- FREN 3010 or FREN 3020 3 credits
- FREN Upper-Division Elective 3 credits
- CLAS Social Science 3 credits
- General Upper-Division Elective 3 credits

**Year Three**

**Fall**

- FREN 3003 M 3 credits
- FREN Core Science without Lab 3 credits
- CLAS Communicative Skills 3 credits

**Spring**

- FREN 3004 M 3 credits
- CLAS Science with Lab 3 credits
- General Elective 3 credits

**Year Four**

- FREN 3050 or 3060 3 credits
- FREN Upper-Division Elective 3 credits
- FREN 4000-Level Elective 3 credits
- General Elective 3 credits
- General Upper-Division Elective 3 credits

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M Major Course Available  Prerequisite Enforced  Prerequisite Recommended