PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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 shared 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
class_advising@ucdenver.edu
Find your CLAS Advisor here
North Classroom (NC) Building 1030
303-315-7100

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
303-315-7237

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
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 CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS hours at CU Denver

The following are maximum semester hours that can apply 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
- 12 semester hours of internship credit
- 8 semester hours of physical education credit

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the French B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 30 FREN credit hours.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 30 upper division (3000-level or above) FREN credit hours.
3. Students must achieve a minimum GPA of 2.5 for all courses applied to major requirements.
4. Students must complete all major courses, including ancillary courses, taken at CU Denver and all transfer courses applying to major requirements with a minimum grade of C- (1.7). Students cannot complete major or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.
5. Students must complete a minimum of 18 FREN credit hours with CU Denver faculty.
6. All courses counting toward the French major must be taught in French (FREN 3200 does not count toward the major).
7. Courses taken at other institutions while a student is enrolled at CU Denver may be applied to the major only with departmental approval before enrollment in those courses.
8. Students with advanced placement credits from high school must see a French advisor about course equivalencies.
9. Upon declaring a major in French, each student will be assigned to a faculty advisor with whom the student should consult at least once per semester thereafter. It is especially important that students have their transcripts reviewed by their advisor before enrolling in their final 30 credit hours at CU Denver. Failure to do so may result in delay of graduation.
10. 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.

CAREER RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning 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 or browse the Career Center website for career and job information related to this major.
### 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.

### Degree Requirements

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**Total Minimum Program Hours:** 120 45 semester hours must be upper-division

### Year One

**Fall**
- ENGL 1020 — Core Composition I
- CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 1010 recommended
- CU Denver Core Behavioral Science
- CU Denver Core Social Science / First-Year Seminar
- FREN 1001

**Total Credits Hours:** 16

### Year Two

**Fall**
- CLAS Behavioral Science
- FREN 2003 
- CU Denver Core Arts
- CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without Lab
- CLAS Communicative Skills

**Total Credits Hours:** 15

**Spring**
- ENGL 2030 — Core Composition II
- CU Core Humanities 
- FREN 1002
- General Elective

**Total Credits Hours:** 13

### Year Three

**Fall**
- FREN 3050 or 3060
- FREN Upper-Division Culture and Civilization Course
- FREN Upper-Division Elective
- CU Denver Core International Perspectives
- CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with Lab

**Total Credits Hours:** 16

**Spring**
- FREN 3010 or 3020
- FREN Upper-Division Literature Course
- CLAS Social Science
- General Upper-Division Elective
- General Upper-Division Elective

**Total Credits Hours:** 15

### Year Four

**Fall**
- FREN 3050 or 3060
- FREN 4000-Level Elective
- General Upper-Division Elective
- General Upper-Division Elective
- General Elective

**Total Credits Hours:** 15

**Spring**
- FREN 3010 or 3020
- FREN 4000-Level Elective
- FREN 4000-Level Elective
- General Elective
- General Elective

**Total Credits Hours:** 15

* Major Course Available  
° CU Denver Core Course  
°° Prerequisite Enforced  
°°° Prerequisite Recommended