

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 World 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

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Find your CLAS Advisor [here](#)

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

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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/Directed Research
- 12 semester hours of internship credit
- 8 semester hours of physical education credit

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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 earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all major courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all courses applied to major requirements. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the major GPA. Students cannot complete major or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 18 FREN credit hours with CU Denver faculty.
5. All courses counting toward the French major must be taught in French (FREN 3200 does not count toward the major).
6. 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.
7. Students with advanced placement credits from high school must see a French advisor about course equivalencies.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Note: Students must take at least one literature course and at least one culture or civilization course.

LYNX CONNECT RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Connect with the department and visit the CU Denver Lynx Connect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the Lynx Connect [website](#) for more information.

Degree Requirements	Credits	Notes
* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *		
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40	CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements
CLAS Graduation Requirements	15 - 26	CLAS Graduation Requirements
FREN Major Requirements	30	All semester hours must be upper-division
FREN Required Courses		
FREN 3010 French Phonetics and Pronunciation	3	*Prerequisite: FREN 2004 or 2120, or equivalent proficiency
FREN 3020 Conversation through Film	3	*Prerequisite: FREN 2004 or 2120, or equivalent proficiency
FREN 3050 Advanced Grammar and Composition	3	*Prerequisite: FREN 2004 or 2120, or equivalent proficiency
FREN 3060 Advanced French Language Skills	3	*Prerequisite: FREN 2004 or 2120, or equivalent proficiency
FREN 3000- to 4000-level electives	9	Students must complete at least one culture and civilization course and at least one literature course
FREN 4000-level electives	9	
Estimated General Electives	24 - 41	General Elective credits will vary based on Core & CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Advisor.
Total Minimum Program Hours:	120	45 semester hours must be upper-division

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 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.

Year One	Fall	CRS
	ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3
	CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 1010 or 2830 <i>recommended</i>	3
	CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3
	CU Denver Core Social Science / First-Year Seminar	3
	FREN 1001	4
	Total Credits Hours	16

Spring		CRS
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II		3
CU Core Humanities ^M		3
FREN 1002 ^{PE}		4
General Elective		3
Total Credit Hours		13

Year Two	Fall	CRS
	CLAS Behavioral Science	3
	FREN 2004 ^{PE C}	3
	CU Denver Core Arts	3
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without Lab	3
	CLAS Communicative Skills	3
Total Credits Hours	15	

Spring		CRS
FREN 3010 ^{PR} or 3020 ^{PR}		3
FREN Upper-Division Elective		3
CLAS Biol/Phys Science with Lab		4
CLAS Humanities ^M		3
General Elective		3
Total Credit Hours		16

Year Three	Fall	CRS
	FREN 3050 ^{PR} or 3060 ^{PR}	3
	FREN Upper Division Elective	3
	CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
	CU Denver Core International Perspectives	3
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with Lab	4
Total Credits Hours	16	

Spring		CRS
FREN 3010 ^{PR} or 3020 ^{PR}		3
FREN 4000-Level Elective		3
CLAS Social Science		3
General Upper-Division Elective		3
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Total Credit Hours		15

Year Four	Fall	CRS
	FREN 3050 ^{PR} or 3060 ^{PR}	3
	FREN 4000-Level Elective	3
	General Upper-Division Elective	3
	General Upper-Division Elective	3
	General Elective	3
Total Credits Hours	15	

Spring		CRS
FREN 4000-Level Elective		3
FREN Upper-Division Elective		3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Total Credit Hours		15