

## 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.

The secondary licensure program is a partnership program between the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) and the School of Education & Human Development (SEHD). Secondary Education Licensure students choose a major within CLAS and complete all CORE, CLAS, major, and initial teacher education admission requirements before completing a final professional year of licensure coursework through the SEHD.

## 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. Additionally, secondary education students work with an academic advisor in the School of Education & Human Development (SEHD) who support students through initial teacher education coursework, Professional (final) Year, and licensure requirements. SEHD secondary education students should meet regularly with the SEHD 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

## 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 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.



### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (SEHD) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

**Students are responsible for meeting with the advisor in the SEHD to confirm teacher education and licensure requirements.** In addition to completing all minimum program requirements above, SEHD secondary education students must complete the following minimum SEHD licensure requirements:

1. Complete the Education Declaration form and all subsequent processes and requirements, including a background check, prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> (for students intending to complete their clinical field experience in fall) or November 1<sup>st</sup> (for students intending to complete their clinical field experience in spring). Students must meet with the SEHD advisor for detailed information.
2. Student pursuing secondary education licensure must complete the following requirements to be admitted to the Professional (final) Year:
  - a. a minimum cumulative CU GPA of 3.0 or higher
  - b. all CU Denver Core, CLAS, major, electives, and initial teacher education coursework requirements prior to the start of the Professional Year
  - c. the official application and interview process

Deadlines for Professional Year application are March 1<sup>st</sup> (for students intending to begin Professional Year in fall) or October 1<sup>st</sup> (for students intending to begin Professional Year in spring).

3. Students must complete all initial teacher education and professional (final) year coursework with a minimum grade of B- or higher.
4. Students must pass the appropriate Praxis exam before the start of the second semester of the Professional Year. Minimum passing scores are outlined on the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) teacher Endorsement Requirements [website](#).

### 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
<b>* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *</b>		
<b>CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</b>	<b>34 - 40</b>	<a href="#">CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</a>
<b>CLAS Graduation Requirements</b>	<b>15 - 26</b>	<a href="#">CLAS Graduation Requirements</a>
<b>FREN Major Requirements</b>	<b>30</b>	<i>All semester hours must be upper-division</i>
<b>FREN Required Courses</b>		
FREN 3010 French Phonetics and Pronunciation	3	<i>*Prerequisite: FREN 2004 or 2120, or equivalent proficiency</i>
FREN 3020 Conversation through Film	3	<i>*Prerequisite: FREN 2004 or 2120, or equivalent proficiency</i>
FREN 3050 Advanced Grammar and Composition	3	<i>*Prerequisite: FREN 2004 or 2120, or equivalent proficiency</i>
FREN 3060 Advanced French Language Skills	3	<i>*Prerequisite: FREN 2004 or 2120, or equivalent proficiency</i>
<b>FREN 3000- to 4000-level electives</b>	9	<i>Students must complete at least one culture and civilization course and at least one literature course</i>
<b>FREN 4000-level electives</b>	9	
<b>SEHD Licensure Coursework Requirements</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>† Education Licensure Course:</b> requires minimum grade of B- or higher
<b>Initial Teacher Education Coursework</b>		
EDFN 4010 Social Foundations & Cultural Diversity in Urban Ed <sup>†</sup>	3	<i>*Prerequisite: 27+ credit hours completed</i>
CLDE 4020 Responsive Classroom Communities <sup>†</sup>	3	<i>*Prerequisites: EDFN 4010, 40+ credit hours completed</i>
<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Diverse Learners</b>		
EDHD 3930 Diverse Learners Field Experience & Seminar <sup>† ‡</sup>	3	All courses in a clinical field experience block must be taken together, in the same semester. Field experience paperwork deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall placement = 4/1 Priority deadline; 4/15 Final deadline</li> <li>• Spring placement = 11/1 Priority deadline; 11/15 Final deadline</li> </ul>
SPED 4030 Understanding (dis)Ability in Contemporary Classrooms <sup>† ‡</sup>	3	
<b>Professional Year Courses</b>		
LCRT 4100 Secondary Literacy Instruction and Assessment <sup>† §</sup>	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>§ Professional Year:</b> Separate admission to Professional Year required</li> <li>• Requirements for admission to Professional Year include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ A minimum GPA of 3.0 in major coursework</li> <li>◦ Successful completion of all other coursework (including Core, major, and elective requirements)</li> <li>◦ Successful completion of the application and interview process</li> <li>◦ Taking the appropriate Praxis exam (students <i>must</i> pass the Praxis prior to beginning their final semester)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Professional Year application deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Fall start = 3/1 deadline</li> <li>◦ Spring start = 10/1 deadline</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
UEDU 4040 Planning for Learning <sup>† §</sup>	3	
MLNG 4690 Methods of Teaching Modern Languages <sup>† §</sup>	3	
CLDE 5030 Language Acquisition <sup>† §</sup> or CLDE 5070 Linguistic Analysis of English <sup>† §</sup> or CLDE 5140 Multicultural Education <sup>† §</sup>	3	
UEDU 4052 English/LA & Social Studies Capstone: Secondary Ed <sup>† §</sup>	3	
UEDU 4931 Internship and Learning Community I <sup>† §</sup>	2	
UEDU 4932 Internship and Learning Community II <sup>† §</sup>	2	
UEDU 4933 Internship and Learning Community III <sup>† §</sup>	6	
<b>Estimated General Electives</b>	<b>0 - 6</b>	<i>General Elective credits will vary based on Core &amp; CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Advisor.</i>
<b>Total Minimum Program Hours:</b>	<b>120</b>	<i>45 semester hours must be upper-division</i>

**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 language proficiency and placement, 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. Secondary education students are encouraged to meet with an SEHD advisor to create an individualized graduation plan.

Year One	Fall	CRS	Spring	CRS
	ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
	CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 2830 <i>recommended</i>	3	FREN 3010 <sup>PR</sup> or 3020 <sup>PR</sup>	3
	CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3	FREN Upper-Division Elective	3
	CU Denver Core Social Science / First-Year Seminar	3	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without Lab	3
	FREN 2004 <sup>PE C</sup> (based on placement) or CU Denver Core Humanities	3	General Elective	3
<b>Total Credits Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

Year Two	Fall	CRS	Spring	CRS
	FREN 3050 <sup>PR</sup> or 3060 <sup>PR</sup>	3	FREN 3010 <sup>PR</sup> or 3020 <sup>PR</sup>	3
	FREN Upper-Division Elective	3	FREN 4000-Level Elective	3
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with Lab	4	CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
	CU Denver Core Arts	3	CLAS Biol/Phys Science with Lab	4
	CU Denver Core International Perspectives	3	EDFN 4010 <sup>†</sup>	3
<b>Total Credits Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	

Year Three	Fall	CRS	Spring	CRS
	FREN 3050 <sup>PR</sup> or 3060 <sup>PR</sup>	3	FREN 4000-Level Elective	3
	FREN 4000-Level Elective	3	FREN Upper-Division Elective	3
	CLAS Communicative Skills	3	CLAS Behavioral Science	3
	CLAS Social Science	3	EDHD 3930 <sup>† ‡</sup>	3
	CLDE 4020 <sup>†</sup>	3	SPED 4030 <sup>† ‡</sup>	3
General Elective	3			
<b>Total Credits Hours</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

In first semester of year three, take the appropriate Praxis exam. Students *must* pass the Praxis prior to beginning their final semester.  
In second semester of year three, apply for admission to Professional Year. Deadlines for Professional Year application are 3/1 for Fall start and 10/1 for Spring start.

Year Four	Fall	CRS	Spring	CRS
	LCRT 4100 <sup>† §</sup>	3	UEDU 4933 <sup>† §</sup>	6
	UEDU 4040 <sup>† §</sup>	3	CLDE 5030 <sup>† §</sup> or CLDE 5070 <sup>† §</sup> or CLDE 5140 <sup>† §</sup>	3
	MLNG 4690 <sup>† §</sup>	3	UEDU 4052 <sup>† §</sup>	3
	UEDU 4931 <sup>† §</sup>	2		
	UEDU 4932 <sup>† §</sup>	2		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>12</b>	

After graduation, apply for a teaching license through the Colorado Department of Education.

<sup>M</sup> Major Course Available    <sup>C</sup> CU Denver Core Course    <sup>PE</sup> Prerequisite Enforced    <sup>PR</sup> Prerequisite Recommended