

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

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

clas_advising@ucdenver.edu

Visit the CLAS Advising website [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:

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Plaza (PL) 118S
303-315-7237

For questions about admission requirements, transfer policies, applying, and the transfer process contact:

Office of Admissions

admissions@ucdenver.edu

Visit the Admissions website [here](#)
Student Commons 1007
303-315-2601

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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The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.

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.

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COURSEWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

The following is a “bucket” of requirements students can complete prior to transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent Colorado Community College System (CCCS) courses. To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit www.transferology.com. **It is critical students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer and apply to CU Denver degree requirements.** All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a [Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation \(DWD\)](#) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete [Reverse Transfer](#) at CU Denver.

CU Denver Requirements	CU Denver Credits	CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes	CCCS Credits
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40		
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENG 121	
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3	ENG 122	
Mathematics	3 - 4	MAT 120 or 135 <i>recommended</i> or GT-MA1	
Arts	3	FRE 211 or GT-AH	
Humanities	3	FRE 212 or GT-AH or GT-HI	
Behavioral Sciences	3 - 4	GT-SS	
Social Sciences	3 - 4	GT-SS or GT-HI*	
Natural/Physical Science with lab	4 - 5	GT-SC1	
Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math	3 - 5	GT-SC2 or GT-MA1 (<i>except the course used for Core Math</i>) or GT-SC1	
International Perspectives	3	Additional GT-AH, HI, SS* (<i>see note below</i>)	
Cultural Diversity	3	<i>To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply.</i>	
CLAS Graduation Requirements	15 - 29		
CLAS Communicative Skills	3	COM 115 or PHI 113	
CLAS Foreign Language	0 - 10	e.g., FRE 112 or ASL 122 Students have several options to fulfill this requirement. Please consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.	
CLAS Humanities	3	Any transferrable LIT, HIS, HUM, or PHI course	
CLAS Behavioral Sciences	3 - 4	Any transferrable ANT, COM, or PSY course (<i>except GT-SC courses</i>)	
CLAS Social Sciences	3 - 4	Any transferrable ECO, ETH, GEO, POS, or SOC course (<i>except GT-SC courses</i>)	
CLAS Biological/Physical Science with lab	3 - 5	GT-SC1 If students complete only one science course with a lab for the CU Denver Core Curriculum, this course must have an associated lab.	
FREN Prerequisite Courses	16	<i>The following courses are not required for the FREN major; however, students must demonstrate or achieve proficiency equivalent to FREN 2120 at CU Denver in order to progress to FREN major courses.</i>	
FREN 1010 Beginning French I	5	FRE 111	
FREN 1020 Beginning French II	5	FRE 112	
FREN 2110 Intermediate French I	3	FRE 211 <i>Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Arts</i>	
FREN 2120 Intermediate French II	3	FRE 212 <i>Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Humanities</i>	
Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended:	60	<i>Students completing less than 60 applicable transfer credits will have additional credits to complete at CU Denver. Students needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.</i>	

*The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH courses; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.

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SAMPLE PLAN – COURESWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER

Based on successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credits and the complete “bucket” of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

Note: this plan assumes students have completed the CLAS Foreign Language proficiency requirement. Students must demonstrate foreign language proficiency through a 2nd semester college-level course equivalent (e.g., SPA 112 or ASL 122), proficiency testing through CU Denver’s Department of Modern Languages, or submitting their high school transcript demonstrating completion of a 2nd year (Level II) high school course with a minimum grade of “C-” (1.7) in the 2nd semester of the 2nd year. **Students who have not fulfilled this requirement must work with a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor to modify this plan.**

Additionally, 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.

Students must not exceed 56 hours in their major prefix.

Year Three	Fall	CRS
	FREN 3050 ^{PR} or 3060 ^{PR}	3
	FREN Upper Division Culture and Civilization Course	3
	FREN Upper-Division Elective	3
	General Upper-Division Elective	3
	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	15

Spring	CRS
FREN 3010 ^{PR} or 3020 ^{PR}	3
FREN Upper-Division Literature Course	3
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
General Upper-Division Elective	3
General Elective	3
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 Credit Hours	15	

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

^M Major Course Available ^C CU Denver Core Course ^{PE} Prerequisite Enforced ^{PR} Prerequisite Recommended