

FRENCH (FRE)

College of Letters & Science

FRE 001 – Elementary French (5 units)

Course Description: Introduction to French grammar and development of all language skills in a cultural context with special emphasis on communication.

Learning Activities: Discussion 5 hour(s), Laboratory 1 hour(s).

Credit Limitation(s): Not open for credit to students who have taken FRE 001A; students who have successfully completed FRE 002 or FRE 003 in the 10th or higher grade in high school or who have successfully completed two or more years of high school in a French-speaking country or in a French-language high school may receive unit credit for this course on a P/NP grading basis only, although a passing grade will be charged to the student's P/NP option, no petition is required; all other students will receive a letter grade unless a P/NP petition is filed.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC).

FRE 001A – Accelerated Intensive Elementary French (15 units)

Course Description: Introduction to French grammar and development of all language skills in a cultural context with special emphasis on communication. Special 12-week, accelerated, intensive summer session course that combines the work of FRE 001, FRE 002, and FRE 003.

Prerequisite(s): Placement exam required.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 15 hour(s).

Credit Limitation(s): Not open for credit to students who have completed FRE 001, FRE 001Y, FRE 001S, FRE 002, FRE 002Y, FRE 002S, FRE 003, FRE 003Y, or FRE 003S.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC).

FRE 001Y – Elementary French (5 units)

Course Description: Introduction to French grammar and development of all language skills in a cultural context with special emphasis on communication.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 4 hour(s), Web Electronic Discussion 1 hour(s).

Credit Limitation(s): Not open for credit for students who have completed equivalent courses FRE 001 or FRE 001S; students who have completed two or more years of French in high school may receive unit credit for this course on a P/NP basis only; although a passing grade will be charged to the student's P/NP option, no petition is required; all other students will receive a letter grade unless a P/NP petition is filed.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC).

FRE 002 – Elementary French (5 units)

Course Description: Continuation of FRE 001.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 001 or FRE 001Y.

Learning Activities: Discussion 5 hour(s), Laboratory 1 hour(s).

Credit Limitation(s): Not open for credit to students who have taken FRE 001A; students who have successfully completed two or more years of high school in a French-speaking country or in a French language high school may receive unit credit for this course on a P/NP grading basis only.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC).

FRE 002Y – Elementary French (5 units)

Course Description: Continuation of FRE 001.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 001 or FRE 001Y.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 4 hour(s), Web Virtual Lecture 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC).

FRE 003 – Elementary French (5 units)

Course Description: Continuation of FRE 002.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 002 or FRE 002Y.

Learning Activities: Discussion 5 hour(s), Laboratory 1 hour(s).

Credit Limitation(s): Not open for credit to students who have taken FRE 001A; students who have successfully completed two or more years of high school in a French-speaking country or in a French-language high school may receive unit credit for this course on a P/NP grading basis only.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC).

FRE 003Y – Elementary French (5 units)

Course Description: Continuation of FRE 002.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 002 or FRE 002Y.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 4 hour(s), Web Virtual Lecture 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC).

FRE 021 – Intermediate French (5 units)

Course Description: Review of grammar and vocabulary acquired in the elementary sequence, as well as the study of new grammatical structures and a continuing enrichment of vocabulary through oral work in class, written exercises, readings and compositions.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 001A or FRE 003 or FRE 003S.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 4 hour(s), Laboratory 1 hour(s).

Credit Limitation(s): Not open for credit to students who have completed FRE 021S or FRE 021Y.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 021Y – Intermediate French (5 units)

Course Description: Review of grammar and vocabulary acquired in the elementary sequence, as well as the study of new grammatical structures and a continuing enrichment of vocabulary through oral work in class, written exercises, readings and compositions.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 001A; FRE 003.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Web Electronic Discussion 2 hour(s).

Credit Limitation(s): No credit for students who have completed FRE 021 or FRE 021S.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 022 – Intermediate French (5 units)

Course Description: Continuation of FRE 021 or FRE 021S. Review of grammar and vocabulary, as well as the study of new grammatical structures and a continuing enrichment of vocabulary.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 021 or FRE 021S or FRE 021Y.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 4 hour(s), Laboratory 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 022Y – Intermediate French (5 units)

Course Description: Continuation of FRE 021 or FRE 021S. Review of grammar and vocabulary, as well as the study of new grammatical structures and a continuing enrichment of vocabulary.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 021 or FRE 021Y.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Web Electronic Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 023 – Intermediate French (5 units)

Course Description: Continuation of FRE 022 or FRE 022S. Review of grammar and vocabulary, as well as the study of new grammatical structures and a continuing enrichment of vocabulary.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 022 or FRE 022S or FRE 022Y.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 4 hour(s), Laboratory 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 023Y – Intermediate French (5 units)

Course Description: Continuation of FRE 022 or FRE 022S. Review of grammar and vocabulary, as well as the study of new grammatical structures and a continuing enrichment of vocabulary.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 022 or FRE 022Y.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Web Electronic Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 050 – French Film (4 units)

Course Description: Introduction to the tradition of French cinema from its invention by Méliès and the Lumière brothers through New Wave (especially the works of Truffaut and Godard) and more recent developments in French and Francophone film. Taught in English.

Learning Activities: Lecture 1 hour(s), Discussion 2 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); Visual Literacy (VL); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 051 – Major Works of French Literature in Translation (4 units)

Course Description: Readings in English translation of key works of French and Francophone literature from the Middle Ages to the Present. Particular attention is given to the long-standing interest of French writers in issues of social, regional, gender, sexual, and ethnic identity.

Learning Activities: Lecture 2 hour(s), Discussion 1 hour(s), Term Paper 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 052 – France & the French-Speaking World (4 units)

Course Description: Taught in English. Survey of the history and culture of France and the French-speaking world, especially Canada, the Caribbean and Africa. Study of social, historical and cultural issues that occupy the French-speaking world, with particular attention to mass media.

Learning Activities: Lecture 2 hour(s), Discussion 1 hour(s), Term Paper 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 053 – French as a World Language (4 units)

Course Description: The linguistic status of French and its function in multilingual societies and international arenas. Linguistico-political landscape of communities in Euroasia, Africa, and the Americas.

Sociolinguistic concepts and emergence of French as a world language.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); Oral Skills (OL); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 054V – Paris through Literature, Art & Film (4 units)

Course Description: Taught in English. The history and culture of Paris as represented in literature, art and film. Urban planning, architecture, neighborhoods, and demographics of Paris from Gallo-Roman times to the present.

Learning Activities: Web Virtual Lecture 2 hour(s), Web Electronic Discussion 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); Visual Literacy (VL); World Cultures (WC).

FRE 098 – Directed Group Study (1-5 units)

Course Description: Directed group study.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Grade Mode: Pass/No Pass only.

FRE 099 – Special Study for Undergraduates (1-5 units)

Course Description: Special study for undergraduates.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Grade Mode: Pass/No Pass only.

FRE 100 – Composition in French (4 units)

Course Description: Instruction and practice in expository writing in French, with emphasis on organization, correct syntax, and vocabulary building.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 023 or FRE 023Y.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 101 – Introduction to French Poetry (4 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Analysis and evaluation of works representing the main types of French poetry. Study of French poetic conventions and versification.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 101 – Poetry in French (4 units)

Course Description: Reading and analysis of poetry in French in various styles and genres, from the sonnets that established French as a literary language to contemporary poems from across the French-speaking world.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s), extensive writing.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

FRE 102 – Introduction to French Drama (4 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Study of plays from across the French-speaking world, in various styles and genres.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s), Extensive writing.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 102 – Theater in French (4 units)

Course Description: Study of plays from across the French-speaking world, in various styles and genres.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s), Extensive writing.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

FRE 103 – Introduction to French Prose (4 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Analysis and evaluation of works representing main types of French prose, with emphasis on narrative structure and techniques.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 103 – Short Fiction in French (4 units)

Course Description: Short stories, novellas, prose poems and other forms of short fiction from the French-speaking world.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s), Extensive writing.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); Writing Experience (WE).

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

FRE 104 – French Translation & Style (4 units)

Course Description: Theories of translation, the history of translation, the latest theories in Translation Studies, and discussion of practical issues in translation. Practice translating from French to English and English to French. Translation of literary and philosophical texts as well as non-fiction in various genres.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 023 or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Discussion/Laboratory 3 hour(s), Extensive Writing.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH).

FRE 105 – Advanced French Grammar (4 units)

Course Description: Understanding of, and extensive practice with, various grammatical structures in French. Lexical-semantic, morphological, and syntactic analysis.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 023 or FRE 023Y; or equivalent.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s), Extensive Writing/Discussion 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 107 – The Making of Modern France (4 units)

Course Description: Introduction to French culture through a historical approach to topics such as the citizen and the state (politics, justice, social security), the nation and centralization, the rise of public education, colonization, class and social relationships.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 023 or FRE 023Y; consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 107A – Pre- & Early-Modern France (4 units)

Course Description: Introduction to pre- and early-modern French culture through a historical approach to topics such as the feudal system, the rise of the monarchy, the Reformation and religious wars.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 023 or FRE 023Y; consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 107B – The Making of Modern France (4 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Introduction to French culture through a historical approach to topics such as the absolute monarchy, the role of the parlements, the French revolution, and the political regimes of the 19th century.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 023 or FRE 023Y; consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 107B – The Making of Modern France (4 units)

Course Description: Political and cultural history of France from Wars of Religion through 1870, using historical documents, painting, architecture, music. Versailles and absolutism, revolts and revolutions, the industrial transformation of Paris, the role of women and minorities in society, and France's relationship with the broader world. Practice reading, writing, and speaking French.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 023 or FRE 023Y; consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s), Extensive Writing.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC).

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

FRE 108 – Modern French Culture (4 units)

Course Description: Survey of modern French culture from the Dreyfus affair to the present day. Topics may include women and French culture, decolonialization and modernization, education, social welfare and immigration.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 023 or FRE 023Y.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s), Extensive Writing.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 109 – French Phonetics (4 units)

Course Description: Introduction to the sound-inventory of French and practice in phonetic transcription, with a focus on ways in which phonetic contrasts signal grammatical contrasts; spoken forms and spelling; formal differences between the "Standard" and other varieties across the French-speaking world.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 023 or FRE 023Y; or equivalent.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Laboratory 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Social Sciences (SS).

FRE 110 – Stylistics & Creative Composition (4 units)

Course Description: Intensive course in creative composition using a variety of techniques and literary styles, patterned on Queneau's Exercices de style. Practice in such stylistic modifications as inversion, antithesis, changes in tense, mood, tonality, etc. The writing of poetry.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 115 – Medieval French Literature & Society (4 units)

Course Description: Social and cultural life of medieval France as studied through its representation in such literary works as La Chanson de Roland, courtly love lyric, the Arthurian romances of Chrétien de Troyes, Aucassin et Nicolette, selected fabliaux and farces.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 116 – The French Renaissance (4 units)

Course Description: Overview of major works and writers with particular attention to the historical context of the turbulent 16th century. Writers to be read may include Rabelais, Marot, Ronsard, Du Bellay, Labé, Marguerite de Navarre, Montaigne, and D'Aubigné.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 117A – Baroque & Preclassicism (4 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Literature and intellectual culture of the period between the Renaissance and French classicism.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 117A – The Age of Versailles (4 units)

Course Description: Literature, art, and ideas from the "Grand Siècle" of French history, the 17th century.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100 C-; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

FRE 117B – The Classical Moment (4 units)

Course Description: Literature, culture, and politics in the Age of Louis XIV.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 1 time(s) when topic differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 118A – Age of Reason & Revolution (4 units)

Course Description: Literature and philosophy of the French Enlightenment. Readings from such authors as Bayle, Fontenelle, Montesquieu, Voltaire, Rousseau and Diderot.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); Oral Skills (OL); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 118B – Private Lives & Public Secrets: The Early French Novel (4 units)

Course Description: History of the French roman from the Middle Ages to the Revolution with particular emphasis on the novels of the 18th century.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 119A – The Romantic Imaginary (4 units)

Course Description: Major concepts and themes of French Romanticism, such as dream and the supernatural, impossible love, exoticism, revolution, individualism, nature, the mal du siècle, Romantic irony, the creative imagination, the cult of ruin.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 119B – Realism, History & the Novel (4 units)

Course Description: Narrative and historical codes of French realist fiction, with emphasis on the representation of history in the realist novel, its depiction of social "realities" such as class and gender, and its relation to the historical situation of post-revolutionary society.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 119C – From Baudelaire to Surrealism (4 units)

Course Description: Study of the main poets and poetic movements from the mid-19th to the early 20th century, including Baudelaire, the Symbolists, and the Surrealists.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 120 – Modern French Thought (4 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Overview of post-Second World War French intellectual currents from existentialism to structuralism and deconstructionism. Readings will include Sartre and de Beauvoir, Camus, Lévi-Strauss, Lacan, Barthes, Foucault, Derrida, Kristeva, Sollers, Cixous, and Irigaray.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 120 – Modern French Thought (4 units)

Course Description: Overview of intellectual currents from the post-Second World War period to the present day. Topics may include existentialism, structuralism, deconstruction, literary theory, feminism, eco-criticism, postcolonial thought, critical theories of racialization and racism.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

FRE 121 – 20th-Century French Novel (4 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Novels and theories of the novel, from Proust to the Nouveau Roman and beyond. Readings from among Gide, Sartre, de Beauvoir, Camus, Breton, Beckett, Robbe-Grillet, Sarraute, Simon, Barthes, Duras, Tournier, Perec, Modiano, Guibert, Toussaint.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 121 – 20-21st Century Literature in French (4 units)

Course Description: Study of prominent writers and literary movements of the 20th and 21st centuries. Topics may include Dada and surrealism, modernism, Négritude, literature of the absurd, the Nouveau Roman, autobiography and autofiction, postcolonial francophone literature, Beur literature, literature of the banlieue.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Extensive Writing.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Quarter 2026.

FRE 122 – French & Francophone Film (4 units)

Course Description: French and Francophone film from the Lumière Brothers to the present. Topics may include analysis of film form and narrative, major filmmakers and filmic traditions, and film theory.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Extensive Writing, Film Viewing 3 hour(s).

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 1 time(s) when topic differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); Visual Literacy (VL); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 123 – African Literature & Film in French (4 units)

Course Description: Major francophone African writers and filmmakers from 1900 to the present. Nationalism and decolonization, the politics of language, gender and sexuality, migration, urban spaces, the environment, Afropolitanism.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s), Extensive Writing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 2 time(s) when topic differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 124 – Post-Colonial & Francophone Literature (4 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Post-Independence Black African and/or Caribbean and/or North African literatures written in French. Selected topics include: identity & subjectivity, the role of the intellectual, women's voices, languages & oral literatures, cultural syncretism, theories of post-colonialism.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 1 time(s) with consent of major advisor & instructor; when content differs; for example, when the geographical focus (West Africa, North, African or Caribbean) or theme is substantially different from previous iterations.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 124 – Francophone Literatures (4 units)

Course Description: Study of francophone literatures from West Africa, North Africa, the Caribbean, North and South America, and the Indian Ocean from the colonial era to the present in social and cultural context.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Extensive Writing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 1 time(s) with consent of major advisor & instructor; when content differs; for example, when the geographical focus (West Africa, North, African or Caribbean) or theme is substantially different from previous iterations.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Quarter 2026.

FRE 125 – French Literature & Other Arts (4 units)

Course Description: Relationship between French literature and other arts-painting, music, cinema, architecture, opera-from different periods.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 1 time(s) when topic differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); Visual Literacy (VL); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 127 – Paris: Modernity & Metropolitan Culture (4 units)

Course Description: Representation of Paris in 19th- and 20th-century texts and its importance in defining the experience and art of modernity.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 128 – Topics in French Culture (4 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: In-depth study of a particular topic in French culture. Topics may include the Court of Louis XIV, the French Revolution and Immigration.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s), Extensive Writing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 1 time(s) when topic differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 128 – Topics in French & Francophone Culture (4 units)

Course Description: In-depth study of topics in French and Francophone culture. Topics may include the Court of Louis XIV, the French Revolution, immigration, decolonization, rap, fashion, comics, environmental movements.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s), Extensive Writing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 1 time(s) when topic differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC).

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

FRE 130 – From Page to Stage: Theatre & Theatricality (4 units)

Course Description: French theater as literature and performance.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 1 time(s) when topic differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 133 – Gender & Politics in French Literature & Culture (4 units)

Course Description: Thematic, theoretical and political tendencies in contemporary French fiction. Barthes, Foucault, Duras, Guibert, considered in terms of their writing on identity and gender.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 140 – Study of a Major Writer (4 units)

Course Description: Concentrated study of works of a single author.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 1 time(s) when author/subject differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 141 – Selected Topics in French Literature (4 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Subjects and themes such as satiric and didactic poetry of the Middle Ages, poetry of the Pléiade, theater in the 18th century, pre-romantic poetry, autobiography, literature and film, etc.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 2 time(s) when topic differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 141 – Selected Topics in French & Francophone Literature (4 units)

Course Description: Subjects and themes such as autobiography, literature and film, immigration and displacement, postcolonial rewritings/restagings of "canonical" texts, epistolary fictions.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s), Extensive Writing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 2 time(s) when topic differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

FRE 160 – Linguistic Study of French-Language in Context (4 units)

Course Description: Introduction to the linguistic study of modern French, with focus pragmatics - the ways in which language is modified in the context of use. Topics include politeness, formality/informality, personal stance, and intimacy/distance.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH) or Social Sciences (SS); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 161 – Linguistic Study of French: Form & Meaning (4 units)

Course Description: Introduction to the linguistic study of modern French, with focus on sentence construction and constituency, meaning and discourse functions.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100 or LIN 001 or LIN 001Y.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH) or Social Sciences (SS).

FRE 162 – History of the French Language (4 units)

Course Description: Main periods in development of the French language, from Latin to contemporary popular aspects, with emphasis on relationship between socio-cultural patterns and evolution of the language.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 100 or LIN 001 or LIN 001Y.

Learning Activities: Lecture 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Letter.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH) or Social Sciences (SS); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 192 – Internship (1-12 units)

Course Description: Practical application of the French language through work experience in government and/or business, culminating in an analytical term paper on a topic approved by the sponsoring instructor.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor; upper division standing.

Learning Activities: Internship 3-36 hour(s), Term Paper.

Grade Mode: Pass/No Pass only.

FRE 194H – Special Study for Honors Students (4 units)

Course Description: Guided research, under the direction of a faculty member, leading to a senior honors thesis on a topic in French literature, civilization, or language studies.

Prerequisite(s): Open only to French majors of senior standing who qualify for Honors Program.

Learning Activities: Independent Study 4 hour(s).

Repeat Credit: May be repeated.

Grade Mode: Pass/No Pass only.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 195H – Honors Thesis (4 units)

Course Description: Writing of an honors thesis on a topic in French literature, civilization, or language studies under the direction of a faculty member.

Prerequisite(s): FRE 194H.

Learning Activities: Independent Study 4 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Pass/No Pass only.

General Education: Arts & Humanities (AH); World Cultures (WC); Writing Experience (WE).

FRE 197T – Tutoring in French (1-5 units)

Course Description: Tutoring in undergraduate courses including leadership in small voluntary discussion groups affiliated with departmental courses.

Prerequisite(s): Upper division standing; consent of Chairperson.

Learning Activities: Seminar 1-2 hour(s), Laboratory 1-2 hour(s).

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 6 unit(s).

Grade Mode: Pass/No Pass only.

FRE 197TC – Tutoring in the Community (1-5 units)

Course Description: Tutoring in public schools under the guidance of a regular teacher and supervision by a departmental faculty member.

Prerequisite(s): Upper division standing; consent of Chairperson.

Learning Activities: Seminar 1-2 hour(s), Laboratory 1-2 hour(s).

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 6 unit(s).

Grade Mode: Pass/No Pass only.

FRE 198 – Directed Group Study (1-5 units)*Course Description:* Directed group study.*Prerequisite(s):* Consent of instructor.*Learning Activities:* Variable.*Grade Mode:* Pass/No Pass only.**FRE 198S – Directed Group Study (1-5 units)***Course Description:* Group study on focused topics in French literature and culture.*Prerequisite(s):* Consent of instructor.*Learning Activities:* Variable 1-5 hour(s).*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated.*Grade Mode:* Pass/No Pass only.**FRE 199 – Special Study for Advanced Undergraduates (1-5 units)***Course Description:* Special study for advanced undergraduates.*Learning Activities:* Variable.*Grade Mode:* Pass/No Pass only.**FRE 200 – Introduction to Graduate Study in French (2 units)***Course Description:* Introduction to a range of methodologies and critical practices in the field of French Studies, including literature, culture, and linguistics. Covers basic principles of bibliographic research in the humanities.*Prerequisite(s):* Consent of instructor.*Learning Activities:* Seminar 2 hour(s).*Enrollment Restriction(s):* Graduate standing.*Grade Mode:* Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.**FRE 201 – History of French (4 units)***Course Description:* Presentation of the main changes in the grammatical structures of French, from Latin to contemporary usage, involving textual analysis and sociolinguistic description.*Prerequisite(s):* Consent of instructor.*Learning Activities:* Seminar 3 hour(s), Term Paper.*Enrollment Restriction(s):* Graduate standing.*Grade Mode:* Letter.**FRE 202 – Topics in French Civilization (4 units)***Course Description:* Interdisciplinary approach to the study of French and Francophone civilization from the Middle Ages to the present. Content varies by instructor.*Prerequisite(s):* Consent of instructor.*Learning Activities:* Seminar 3 hour(s), Term Paper.*Enrollment Restriction(s):* Graduate standing.*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated when content differs.*Grade Mode:* Letter.**FRE 204 – Topics in Medieval Literature (4 units)***Course Description:* Study of Medieval French literature, focusing on a particular period, milieu, literary movement, genre, or theoretical approach.*Prerequisite(s):* Consent of instructor.*Learning Activities:* Seminar 3 hour(s), Term Paper.*Enrollment Restriction(s):* Graduate standing.*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated when topic differs.*Grade Mode:* Letter.**FRE 205A – 16th-Century Literature: The Humanists (4 units)***Course Description:* French humanism in its most varied forms. Although at different times Rabelais and Montaigne will be primarily studied, other leading intellectuals and religious writers will also receive attention.*Prerequisite(s):* Consent of instructor.*Learning Activities:* Seminar 3 hour(s).*Enrollment Restriction(s):* Graduate standing.*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated when topic differs.*Grade Mode:* Letter.**FRE 206A – 17th-Century Literature: Theater (4 units)***Course Description:* Works of Corneille, Racine, Molière, and minor dramatists. One or more authors may be covered.*Prerequisite(s):* Consent of instructor.*Learning Activities:* Seminar 3 hour(s).*Enrollment Restriction(s):* Graduate standing.*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated with consent of instructor when topic differs.*Grade Mode:* Letter.**FRE 206B – 17th-Century Literature: Prose (4 units)***Course Description:* Works of authors such as Pascal, Descartes, Mme de Lafayette. One or more authors may be covered.*Prerequisite(s):* Consent of instructor.*Learning Activities:* Seminar 3 hour(s), Term Paper.*Enrollment Restriction(s):* Graduate standing.*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated with consent of instructor as topics differ from quarter to quarter.*Grade Mode:* Letter.**FRE 206C – 17th-Century Literature: Poetry (4 units)***Course Description:* Studies of the works of one or more poets of the period.*Prerequisite(s):* Consent of instructor.*Learning Activities:* Seminar 3 hour(s), Term Paper.*Enrollment Restriction(s):* Graduate standing.*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated with consent of instructor.*Grade Mode:* Letter.**FRE 207A – 18th-Century Literature: Philosophies (4 units)***Course Description:* Not a course in philosophy, but an examination of the role of philosophy in the design and context of literary works. Study of one or more authors.*Prerequisite(s):* Consent of instructor.*Learning Activities:* Seminar 3 hour(s), Term Paper.*Enrollment Restriction(s):* Graduate standing.*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated.*Grade Mode:* Letter.**FRE 207B – 18th-Century Literature: Novel (4 units)***Course Description:* Rise of the novel. Study of narrative experiments in the context of the philosophical climate and new literary values. May treat one or more novelists of the period.*Prerequisite(s):* Consent of instructor.*Learning Activities:* Seminar 3 hour(s).*Enrollment Restriction(s):* Graduate standing.*Repeat Credit:* May be repeated when topic differs.*Grade Mode:* Letter.

FRE 208A – 19th-Century Literature: Fiction (4 units)

Course Description: Study of the works of one or several novelists and/or short-story writers of the period.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated with consent of instructor when topic differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

FRE 208B – 19th-Century Literature: Poetry (4 units)

Course Description: Study of the works of one or several poets of the period.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated with consent of instructor when topic differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

FRE 209A – 20th-Century: Prose (4 units)

Course Description: Study of the works of one or several writers of the period.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Grade Mode: Letter.

FRE 209B – 20th-Century: Theater (4 units)

Course Description: Study of the works of one or several dramatists of the period.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated.

Grade Mode: Letter.

FRE 209C – 20th-Century: Poetry (4 units)

Course Description: Study of the works of one or several poets of the period.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated with consent of instructor.

Grade Mode: Letter.

FRE 210 – Studies in Narrative Fiction (4 units)

Course Description: Studies in narrative fiction.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated with consent of instructor when topic differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

FRE 211 – Studies in Criticism (4 units)

Course Description: Studies in criticism.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated with consent of instructor when topic differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

FRE 212 – Studies in Theater (4 units)

Course Description: Studies in the theater.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated with consent of instructor when topic differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

FRE 213 – Studies in Poetry (4 units)

Course Description: Studies in poetry.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated with consent of instructor when topic differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

FRE 214 – Study of a Literary Movement (4 units)

Course Description: Study of a literary movement.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated with consent of instructor when topic differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

FRE 215 – Topics in French & Francophone Film (4 units)

Course Description: Aspects of French and Francophone film from the Lumière Brothers through the present. Topics may include a specific historical period of filmmaking, film theories and the analysis of film form and narrative, and major filmmakers and filmic traditions.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 2 time(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

FRE 224 – Francophone Literatures (4 units)

Course Description: Study of cultural productions (literature, film, visual arts) by Francophone peoples such as found in North Africa, West Africa, the Caribbean, South-East Asia, the Americas, and Metropolitan France.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated with consent of instructor when topic differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

FRE 250A – French Linguistics I (4 units)

Course Description: Theoretical approach to the forms and functions of French, with emphasis on phonology and morphology. Overview of current linguistic theories and their application to French. Offered in alternate years.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated.

Grade Mode: Letter.

FRE 250B – French Linguistics II (4 units)

Course Description: Theoretical approach to the forms and functions of French, with emphasis on syntax and semantics. Overview of current linguistic theories and their application to French. Offered in alternate years.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Grade Mode: Letter.

FRE 251 – Topics in the Linguistic Study of French (4 units)

Course Description: Questions relevant to the linguistic study of French, such as language acquisition, sociolinguistics, or theoretical examination of structure. Intended for students in French Linguistics and those applying linguistic models to literature or teaching.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s), Term Paper.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated when topic differs.

Grade Mode: Letter.

FRE 291 – Foreign Language Learning in the Classroom (4 units)

Course Description: Overview of approaches to university-level foreign language instruction and the theoretical notions underlying current trends in classroom practices across commonly taught foreign languages.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s), Project.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Cross Listing: GER 291, SPA 291.

Grade Mode: Letter.

FRE 297 – Individual Study (1-5 units)

Course Description: Description:

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

FRE 298 – Group Study (1-5 units)

Course Description: Group study.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 1-5 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated with consent of instructor.

Grade Mode: Letter.

FRE 299 – Research (1-12 units)

Course Description: Description:

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

FRE 299D – Dissertation Research (1-12 units)

Course Description: Dissertation research.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Variable 3-36 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Graduate standing.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

FRE 300 – Teaching of a Modern Foreign Language (3 units)

Course Description: Teaching of a modern foreign language.

Prerequisite(s): Senior or graduate standing; a major or minor in a modern foreign language.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

FRE 390A – The Teaching of French in College (2 units)

Course Description: Designed for graduate teaching assistants with emphasis on problems and procedures encountered by teachers of lower division classes at the university.

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 2 hour(s).

Repeat Credit: May be repeated with consent of instructor.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

FRE 390B – The Teaching of French in College (2 units)

Course Description: Designed for graduate teaching assistants with emphasis on problems and procedures encountered by teachers of lower division classes at the university.

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

FRE 396 – Teaching Assistant Training Practicum (1-4 units)

Course Description: Teaching assistant training.

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated.

Grade Mode: Pass/No Pass only.