

FRENCH STUDIES

Departmental Notes

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Overview

At Queen's, the Department of French Studies offers language instruction from beginner to advanced and a wide range of literature courses. Covering the areas of Francophonie, Québec and Canadian studies, civilization and culture from the Middle-Ages to the present, the department also offers courses in film and media, translation, and French for professionals. Students will have opportunities to study or work in a francophone environment either in Quebec or Europe, through academic exchanges or work/study programs.

Departmental Policies

Credit for Immersion Courses

Students can receive credit for FREN 150 if they have passed the exam of one of the Higher-Level courses listed below:

- AP French Language and Culture, with a grade of 4 or higher
- International Baccalaureate French A – Language and Literature OR French B, with a final grade of 5 or higher

To apply for transfer credits, please visit: **High school transfer credits | Undergraduate Admission, Queen's University** (<https://www.queensu.ca/admission/applying/transfer-credits/>).

Advice to Students

Introductory French Language Courses

The French Department recognizes that students enter the University with a wide range of abilities in the French language. Students intending to take a 100-level French

course must visit the department webpage **Getting Started | French Studies** (<https://www.queensu.ca/french/students/prospective-undergrads/getting-started/>) to determine which level is suitable for them based on their background in French. The French Placement Test is used to help assess proficiency and is required for all students enrolling in FREN 118 and FREN 150.

Once students have passed a course at a certain level of proficiency, they are not permitted to take a French language course at a lower level. Students who wish to pursue a French Plan should note that FRST 105, FREN 106, FREN 107, FREN 118, FREN 225, FREN 236, FREN 237, FREN 238, and FREN 239 may not be used as credit towards French Plan requirements.

Communication and Culture Courses

The Department of French Studies offers a series of Communication and Culture courses (both online and on campus) for students wishing to develop and perfect their French language skills. These courses provide students with basic language skills to enable them to understand and use familiar expressions and basic phrases in everyday situations. Students will learn vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and explore various French cultures through interactive activities & group work. No auditors are permitted in these courses.

Special Study Opportunities/Cultural Activities

The Department of French Studies offers a range of cultural programs and educational opportunities for faculty, students, and the Kingston community.

Credit for Courses Taken at a French-Language University

In their third year, students in the French Major, Joint Honours or Minor Plan may choose to study at a French-language university. To be eligible, they must have completed at least 60.00 units (with a cumulative GPA of 1.90) by the end of second year, including FREN 150, FREN 230, and FREN 231 (with a GPA of 1.90). Upon returning to Queen's, student transcripts and syllabi for courses completed abroad will be assessed by the Undergraduate Chair and granted as transfer credits in French, as applicable.

For more information about exchange opportunities in French, please visit the French Studies webpage: **Study Abroad | French Studies | Queen's University** (<https://www.queensu.ca/french/students/current-undergrads/exchange/>).



Ultimately, it is the **International Programs Office (IPO)** (<https://www.queensu.ca/ipo/>) that coordinates exchanges and study abroad experiences for undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts & Science.

Certificate of Competence in French Language

Students who are not registered in a French Plan but have taken certain courses in French at Queen's or received transfer credit for courses taken elsewhere are eligible for a Certificate of Competence in French Language. Courses include oral and written French, French literature, and French linguistics.

Note that this is *not* a Senate-approved Certificate Program and will therefore be noted as an Academic Milestone on the transcript. The Certificate will be issued by the French Department on behalf of the Faculty of Arts and Science.

Intermediate Level

Requirements: 18.00 units in French. Required courses include FREN 150 and FREN 231 plus 3.00 units from the Communication and Culture series as well as 6.00 units from the list of Option courses. All courses taken for the certificate must be at a level equal to or above FREN 118 (with a GPA of 1.9). No more than 6.00 transferred units can be counted towards the intermediate level certificate.

Intermediate-Advanced Level

Requirements: 24.00 units in French. Required courses include FREN 150, FREN 231, and FREN 360 plus 3.00 units from the Communication and Culture series of courses (at the level of FREN 219 or above) as well as 9.00 units from the list of options courses. All courses taken for the certificate must be at a level equal to or above FREN 150 (with a GPA of 1.9). No more than 9.00 transferred units can be counted towards the intermediate-advanced level certificate.

Applications for the Certificate should be received by the Department of French Studies before the Departmental deadline.