

French

FRENCH – FRNCH

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Possible career opportunities

The study of French can open up opportunities in communications, foreign trade and banking, transportation, government, the Foreign Service, tourism, library services, teaching, professional translating, journalism, and all levels of education, including university teaching. Most foreign language careers require more than two years of study.

**Associate in arts degree
French**

Students completing the program will be able to...

- A. communicate verbally in the target language with accurate pronunciation in meaningful situations present in both informal and formal contexts.
- B. effectively apply rules of grammar and syntax in tandem with appropriate vocabulary in written and oral communication.
- C. demonstrate auditory comprehension of instruction, authentic content, and purposeful conversations in the target language.
- D. discuss, describe, and infer information from authentic texts in the target language.
- E. demonstrate cultural appreciation by making (comparative) connections, on both an individual and societal level, between the target cultures and students' own cultures.
- F. create (write or present) narratives and/or arguments that demonstrate cohesive critical thinking in the target language.

The associate in arts degree in French at DVC will provide students with skills in understanding, speaking, reading and writing French. The curriculum exposes students to French culture and civilization and provides foundational skills in language that can apply to a broad range of international and domestic career opportunities and professions. The degree will provide lower division preparation for transfer to UC, CSU and other four year colleges and universities to earn a bachelor's degree.

The DVC French major is intended for transfer. Students who intend to transfer must consult with a program advisor or counselor to ensure that the requirements for transfer to baccalaureate-granting institutions of their choice are met. Students who intend to transfer are advised to select General Education Option 2 (IGETC) or Option 3 (CSU GE). Option 1 (DVC General Education) is appropriate for those students who do not intend to transfer. Students may not take a pass/no pass option for major courses and each of the major requirements must be completed with a "C" grade or higher. Certain courses may satisfy both major and general education requirements; however, the units are counted only once.

Students must complete at least 20 units from the list of core courses. The core courses provide students with the essential grammar of the language, culture and basic literature of the francophone world. Students who have no prior knowledge of French will complete the first four courses in the list for a total of 20 units. Students with prior knowledge of French may start at the second term level and take fifth and sixth terms to achieve a total of 21 units.

<i>complete a minimum of 20 units from:</i>	<i>units</i>
FRNCH-120 First Term French	5
FRNCH-121 Second Term French.....	5
FRNCH-220 Third Term French.....	5
FRNCH-221 Fourth Term French.....	5
FRNCH-230 Fifth Term French	3
FRNCH-231 Sixth Term French	3
total minimum units for the major	20

**Certificate of achievement
French**

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This certificate of achievement was created to give students the opportunity to show potential employers in this country and in other countries that the student has completed a certain number of courses in French and prepares students with an intermediate to advanced knowledge of French and familiarizes them with the culture of the Francophone world.

This certificate of achievement provides students, prospective employers and others with documented evidence of persistence and academic accomplishment in the language. The certificate requires completion of at least 13 units from one of the following lists of courses. Students may not take a credit/no credit option for required courses and each course must be completed with a "C" grade or higher.

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<i>List A</i>	<i>units</i>
FRNCH-120 First Term French	5
FRNCH-121 Second Term French.....	5
FRNCH-220 Third Term French	5
FRNCH-221 Fourth Term French.....	5
FRNCH-230 Fifth Term French	3
FRNCH-231 Sixth Term French	3

<i>List B</i>	
FRNCH-121 Second Term French.....	5
FRNCH-155 First Term Conversational French.....	3
FRNCH-156 Second Term Conversational French	3
FRNCH-157 Third Term Conversational French.....	3
FRNCH-220 Third Term French	5
FRNCH-221 Fourth Term French.....	5
total minimum required units	13

FRNCH-120 First Term French

- 5 units SC
- IGETC: 6A
 - 90 hours lecture per term
 - Note: This course is equivalent to two years of high school study.

This course provides an introduction to the French language and the culture of French-speaking countries. Topics include the four language skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Emphasis is placed on active use of the language in class as well as basic communicative functions and structures. CSU, UC

FRNCH-121 Second Term French

- 5 units SC
- IGETC: 3B, 6A; CSU GE: C2; DVC GE: III
 - 90 hours lecture per term
 - Prerequisite: FRNCH-120 or two years of high school study or equivalent
 - Note: Students may meet equivalency in a variety of ways. Students should seek assistance at Admissions and Records.

This is the second course in a sequence of French language courses. The course continues skill building in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing of the French language. The expansion of vocabulary and more advanced communicative functions and structures, as well as a deeper examination of the cultures of French-speaking countries are emphasized. CSU, UC

FRNCH-150 Topics in French

- .3-4 units SC
- Variable hours

A supplemental course in French to provide a study of current concepts and problems in French and related subdivisions. Specific topics will be announced in the schedule of classes. CSU

FRNCH-155 First Term Conversational French

- 3 units SC
- 54 hours lecture per term
 - Note: This course does not satisfy major or general education requirements.

This is the first term of the conversational French series. Basic grammar and vocabulary as well as an introduction to French culture will also be covered. CSU

FRNCH-156 Second Term Conversational French

- 3 units SC
- 54 hours lecture per term
 - Advisory: FRNCH-155 or equivalent
 - Note: This course does not satisfy major or general education requirements.

This is the second term of the conversational French series. Emphasis will be placed on more advanced grammar and vocabulary to expand beyond the self to conversations of a more general nature. Comprehension will be reinforced through listening practice. CSU

FRNCH-157 Third Term Conversational French

- 3 units SC
- 54 hours lecture per term
 - Advisory: FRNCH-156 or equivalent
 - Note: This course does not satisfy major or general education requirements.

This is a third term conversational French course designed to improve and refine speaking, listening, and comprehensive skills by reviewing and introducing target vocabulary and grammar. Topics will include social, political, and cultural issues as well as French culture. CSU

FRNCH-220 Third Term French

- 5 units SC
- IGETC: 3B, 6A; CSU GE: C2; DVC GE: III
 - 90 hours lecture per term
 - Prerequisite: FRNCH-121 or three years of high school study or equivalent
 - Note: Students may meet prerequisite in a variety of ways. Students should seek assistance at Admissions and Records.

This is the third term French course in a sequence that develops early intermediate fluency in understanding, speaking, reading and writing French. All verbal tenses are reviewed, expanded and refined. Advanced grammar concepts, new vocabulary, and idiomatic expressions are introduced. Selected readings about the culture and literature of French speaking countries will be explored. This course is taught entirely in French. CSU, UC

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FRNCH-221 Fourth Term French

5 units SC

- *IGETC: 3B, 6A; CSU GE: C2; DVC GE: III*
- *90 hours lecture per term*
- *Prerequisite: FRNCH-220 or four years of high school study or equivalent*
- *Note: Students may meet equivalency in a variety of ways. Students should seek assistance at Admissions and Records.*

This is the fourth term French course in the sequence that develops intermediate fluency in understanding, speaking, reading and writing French. The grammatical moods are reviewed and developed; the sequences of tenses are introduced. Additional vocabulary and idiomatic expressions are introduced and connected to the selected readings. These readings about French culture and literature will be analyzed. This course is taught entirely in French. CSU, UC

FRNCH-230 Fifth Term French

3 units SC

- *IGETC: 3B, 6A; CSU GE: C2; DVC GE: III*
- *54 hours lecture per term*
- *Prerequisite: FRNCH-221 or equivalent*
- *Note: Students may meet equivalency in a variety of ways. Students should seek assistance at Admissions and Records.*

This is the fifth term advanced course emphasizing reading, writing (prioritizing the mechanics of academic writing), listening, and speaking skills. The rich heritage of French society and Francophone societies are explored through a wide range of materials including short stories, articles, poems, films, and documentaries. This course is taught entirely in French. CSU, UC

FRNCH-231 Sixth Term French

3 units SC

- *IGETC: 3B, 6A; CSU GE: C2; DVC GE: III*
- *54 hours lecture per term*
- *Prerequisite: FRNCH-230 or equivalent*
- *Note: Students may meet equivalency in a variety of ways. Students should seek assistance at Admissions and Records.*

This is the sixth term advanced French language course strengthening reading, writing (prioritizing the mechanics of academic writing), listening, and speaking skills. Deepening the exploration of the rich heritage of French and Francophone societies through a wide range of materials including novels, articles, poems, films, documentaries, and dramas. This course is taught entirely in French. CSU, UC

FRNCH-298 Independent Study

.5-3 units SC

- *Variable hours*
- *Note: Submission of acceptable educational contract to department and Instruction Office is required.*

This course is designed for advanced students who wish to conduct additional research, a special project, or learning activities in a specific discipline/subject area and is not intended to replace an existing course. The student and instructor develop a written contract that includes objectives to be achieved, activities and procedures to accomplish the study project, and the means by which the supervising instructor may assess accomplishment. CSU

FRNCH-299 Student Instructional Assistant

.5-3 units SC

- *Variable hours*
- *Note: Applications must be approved through the Instruction Office. Students must be supervised by a DVC instructor.*

Students work as instructional assistants, lab assistants and research assistants in this department. The instructional assistants function as group discussion leaders, meet and assist students with problems and projects, or help instructors by setting up laboratory or demonstration apparatus. Students may not assist in course sections in which they are currently enrolled. CSU