FRENCH (FREN)

Courses

FREN 001. Elementary I. 4 Credits.
Fundamentals of French composition, comprehension, pronunciation, speaking, reading, and writing in a cultural context. Classes are conducted in French and students engage in active use of the language. No prior knowledge expected.

FREN 002. Elementary II. 4 Credits.
Further development of French composition, comprehension, pronunciation, speaking, reading, and writing in a cultural context. Classes are conducted in French and students engage in active use of the language. Prerequisite: FREN 001 or equivalent.

FREN 009. Basic French Grammar Review. 3 Credits.
Thorough review of French grammar in preparation for intermediate level. Considerable emphasis on written exercises.

FREN 051. Intermediate I. 3 Credits.
Review of grammar, moving toward increased proficiency in composition, comprehension, pronunciation, speaking, reading, and writing. Emphasis on cultural context. Compositions, oral practice, reading. Prerequisite: FREN 002, FREN 009, or equivalent.

FREN 052. Intermediate II. 3 Credits.
Continues building on skills from FREN 051. Cultural context, grammar review, moving toward increased proficiency in comprehension, pronunciation, speaking, reading, and writing. More extensive and sophisticated readings and compositions than in FREN 051. Prerequisite: FREN 051 or equivalent.

FREN 095. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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FREN 096. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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FREN 101. Writing Workshop. 3 Credits.
Improvement of functional skills: writing, listening, and speaking. Development of techniques to explain, elaborate, support opinions, convince, and persuade in both writing and speaking. Prerequisite: FREN 052 or equivalent.

FREN 107. Focus on Oral Expression. 3 Credits.
Guided practice of oral-aural skills through vocabulary and pronunciation exercises, readings, and oral presentations. Writing exercises reinforce oral work. Prerequisite: FREN 052 or equivalent.

FREN 109. French Grammar in Review. 3 Credits.
Grammar review and practice using a communicative approach to reinforce oral expression skills. Prerequisite: FREN 052.

FREN 113. English/French Translation. 3 Credits.
Introduction to English-French translation strategies as basis for improving French writing skills. Prerequisite: FREN 052.

FREN 131. French Civilization. 3 Credits.
Study of the fundamentals of French culture from historical and structural perspectives, including a review of sociopolitical institutions. Prerequisite: FREN 101.

FREN 132. Contemporary France. 3 Credits.
Study of selected aspects of France today. Improvement of language skills; emphasis on reading, writing, and analysis of a variety of materials (literature, journalism, images). Pre/co-requisite: FREN 101.

FREN 141. French Lit in Context I. 3 Credits.
A study of significant texts in the history of French literature from the Middle Ages through the 18th century, in their historical and cultural contexts. Prerequisite: FREN 101.

FREN 142. French Lit in Context II. 3 Credits.
A study of significant texts in the history of French literature from the French Revolution to the present, in their historical and cultural contexts. Prerequisite: FREN 101.

FREN 195. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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FREN 196. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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FREN 197. Readings & Research. 1-6 Credits.
Permission of Chair required.

FREN 198. Readings & Research. 1-6 Credits.
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FREN 201. Adv Composition & Conversation. 3 Credits.
Course activities (discussions, exposes, written work, etc.) designed to lead to mastery of French oral and written expression. Prerequisite: FREN 101.

FREN 205. Topics in Adv Lang Study. 3 Credits.
Varied topics devoted to a special area such as translation, creative writing, French for the professions (medicine, business, journalism, law), etc. Prerequisite: FREN 101.

FREN 209. Advanced Grammar. 3 Credits.
Comparative grammatical study centered on the specific problems encountered by Anglophones in written and spoken French. Prerequisite: FREN 101.

FREN 235. Medieval/Renaissance Topics. 3 Credits.
Study of literary and non-literary writings from Medieval and Renaissance France. Texts may deal with questions of otherness, religion, gender, and/or politics. Prerequisites: FREN 141 or FREN 142.

FREN 237. Early French Women Writers. 3 Credits.
Exploration of how women from the Middle Ages through the Revolution spoke of love, education, the place of women, the power of writing and more. Prerequisites: FREN 141 or FREN 142.

FREN 247. Power/Desire in Class Fr Drama. 3 Credits.
How dramatists like Corneille, Moliere and Racine used history, legend and satire to explore questions of tyranny, freedom, passion, generosity, hypocrisy, truthfulness and more. Prerequisites: FREN 141 or FREN 142.
FREN 256. Enlightenment Society Reimagined. 3 Credits.
How did 18C writers use the representation of social hierarchy, gender relations, the exotic, etc., to (re-)define French culture on the eve of the Revolution? Prerequisites: FREN 141 or FREN 142.

FREN 265. Romanticism and Symbolism. 3 Credits.
Exploration of the idealist tradition in 19th century French poetry and novels. Authors may include Constant, Chateaubriand, Stael, Hugo, Flaubert, Baudelaire, Verlaine, Mallarme. Prerequisites: FREN 141 or FREN 142.

FREN 266. Rev&React in 19th C Narrative. 3 Credits.
Study of the representations of major social issues of the period, such as power, class, money, and women. Representative authors: Balzac, Flaubert, Sand, Stendhal, Zola. Prerequisites: FREN 141 or FREN 142.

FREN 269. La Belle Epoque. 3 Credits.
The aesthetic and moral dilemmas of the turn-of-the-century decadent* period in French literature, focusing especially on the changing representation of the artist and intellectual. Prerequisites: FREN 141 or FREN 142.

FREN 270. Lyric Poetry: Harmony & Crisis. 3 Credits.
A consideration of the French lyric tradition. Authors may include the troubadours, Ronsard, Dubellay, Hugo, Baudelaire, Mallarme, Rimbaud, Valery, Roubaud. Prerequisites: FREN 141 or FREN 142.

FREN 275. 20-C Lit - Society and Writers. 3 Credits.
A study of twentieth-century French authors who shaped contemporary French culture by challenging traditional ethics and modes of thought. Representative authors include Beauvoir, Camus, and Sartre. Prerequisites: FREN 141 or FREN 142.

FREN 276. Topics in Modern French Lit. 3 Credits.
Selected topics dealing with poetry and/or narrative related either to an historical period or a literary movement. Prerequisites: FREN 141 or FREN 142.

FREN 279. Women's Autobiographies. 3 Credits.
Study of several autobiographies written by contemporary French/Francophone women. Representative authors include Colette, de Beauvoir, Sarraute, Duras, Ernaux, Martin. Prerequisites: FREN 141 or FREN 142.

FREN 280. Francophone Crossings. 3 Credits.
Study of works in French that demonstrate multiple cultural influences. Topics may include: exile writings, cultural/linguistic mixing, colonialism and independence movements, human rights, immigration. Prerequisites: FREN 141 or FREN 142.

FREN 282. D2: Multiethnic France: 20-21C Lit. 3 Credits.
A study of contemporary (1960-1985) major works of fiction, poetry, and drama. Authors studied include Anne Hebert, Michel Tremblay, Jacques Godbout, Gaston Miron. Prerequisites: Either FREN 141 or FREN 142, or both.

FREN 285. Quebec Literature. 3 Credits.
A study of contemporary (1960-1985) major works of fiction, poetry, and drama. Authors studied include Anne Hebert, Michel Tremblay, Jacques Godbout, Gaston Miron. Prerequisites: Either FREN 141 or FREN 142.

FREN 289. African Lit: French Express. 3 Credits.
Study of West African poetry, theatre, novel, and civilization as an expression of the Black experience in the language of the French colonizer. Prerequisites: FREN 141 or FREN 142.

FREN 292. Topics in French Culture. 3 Credits.
In-depth study of a major aspect of French culture. See Schedule of Courses for specific offering. Prerequisites: FREN 131 or FREN 132 or Instructor permission.

FREN 293. Quebec Culture. 3 Credits.
Sociocultural study of the Francophone culture of Canada. Prerequisite: FREN 141 or FREN 142.

FREN 294. Topics in French Cinema. 3 Credits.
A topical approach to the study of French cinema and cinematographic aesthetics, from the medium’s beginnings through contemporary films. Prerequisites: FREN 141 or FREN 142.

FREN 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Advanced courses or seminars on topics beyond the scope of existing departmental offerings. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

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Advanced courses or seminars on topics beyond the scope of existing departmental offerings. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

FREN 297. Advanced Readings & Research. 1-6 Credits.
Permission of Chair required.

FREN 298. Advanced Readings & Research. 1-6 Credits.
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