FRENCH (FREN)

Subject-area course lists indicate courses currently active for offering at the University of Louisville. Not all courses are scheduled in any given academic term. For class offerings in a specific semester, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

500-level courses generally are included in both the undergraduate- and graduate-level course listings; however, specific course/section offerings may vary between semesters. Students are responsible for ensuring that they enroll in courses that are applicable to their particular academic programs.

Course Fees

Some courses may carry fees beyond the standard tuition costs to cover additional support or materials. Program- subject- and course-specific fee information can be found on the Office of the Bursar website (http://louisville.edu/bursar/tuitionfee/).

FREN 000. French Study Abroad 1-30 Units
Prerequisite(s): A letter of intent addressed to the department chair and membership in a program approved by the department.
Description: Credit awarded to students upon successful completion of the program as documented by the Francophone institution. Upon return, students will be required to demonstrate proficiency at a level agreed upon by the Department of Classical and Modern Languages prior to departure.
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FREN 121. Basic French I 4 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisite(s): No previous study of the language or placement score below 250 on the WebCAPE French placement exam.
Description: For beginners. Basic grammar, with practice in hearing, speaking, reading, and writing.
Note: Not counted toward French major.
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FREN 122. Basic French II 4 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisite(s): Completion of French 121 or equivalent or score between 250-299 on the WebCAPE French placement exam.
Description: For beginners. Basic grammar, with practice in hearing, speaking, reading, and writing.
Note: Not counted toward French major.
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FREN 123. Basic French III 4 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisite(s): FREN 122 or equivalent.
Description: A treatment of more advanced grammar topics and the continuation of work with the development of basic language fluency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
Note: Formerly FREN 221.
Note: Does not count toward major in French.
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FREN 141. Intensive French I 6 Units
Prerequisite(s): FREN 141
Description: For beginners. Basic grammar, with practice in hearing, speaking, reading, and writing.
Note: Not counted toward major.
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FREN 142. Intensive French II 6 Units
Prerequisite(s): FREN 141
Description: A treatment of more advanced grammar topics and the continuation of work with the development of basic language fluency in listening, speaking, reading and writing.
Note: Does not count toward major in French.
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FREN 250. Introduction to the French-Speaking World - AH, D2 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Spring Only
Description: A general introduction, taught in English, to the arts, culture and history of areas throughout the world in which French is the primary language.
Note: Cross-listed with ML 250.
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FREN 313. Special Topics in French Literature, Language, and Culture 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Prerequisite(s): FREN 123 or FREN 142, or equivalent.
Description: Critical reading and interpretation of works in French whose themes and issues have relevance to today's world. Topics may vary from semester to semester.
Note: May be repeated once for credit.
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FREN 315. Etymologie francaise; la memoire des mots. 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Prerequisite(s): FREN 320 or permission of instructor.
Description: Analysis of the classical heritage present in French with inclusion of word histories giving special attention to scientific/technical terminology.
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FREN 320. French Skills Overview  3 Units  
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring  
Prerequisite(s): Completion of FREN 123 or equivalent.  
Description: Intensive practice in oral French in a variety of conversational settings.  
Required of all French majors and minors unless student’s native language is French.  
Note: For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes.

FREN 321. French Conversation  3 Units  
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only  
Prerequisite(s): Completion of FREN 320, or equivalent, or score between 400-500 on the WebCAPE French placement exam.  
Description: Intensive practice in oral French in a variety of conversational settings.  
Note: Required of all French majors and minors unless student’s native language is French.  
Note: For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes.

FREN 322. Written Expression - WR  3 Units  
Term Typically Offered: Spring Only  
Prerequisite(s): Completion of FREN 320, or equivalent, or score between 400-500 on the WebCAPE French placement exam.  
Description: Intensive practice in written French; grammar review and vocabulary building. Approved for the Arts and Sciences upper-level requirement in written communication (WR).  
Note: Required of all French majors and minors.  
Note: For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes.

FREN 323. French for The Workplace  3 Units  
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered  
Prerequisite(s): FREN 321 or FREN 322, or faculty consent.  
Description: French professional correspondence; commercial practices; workplace behavior and expectations; workplace-specific vocabulary; sensitivity and exposure to cultural practices.  
Note: Required of all French majors.  
Note: For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes.

FREN 325. French Theater Practicum  3 Units  
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered  
Prerequisite(s): FREN 321 or faculty consent.  
Description: Components in the production of a French play, from the decision to produce it to formal presentation before an audience.  
Note: Required of all French majors.  
Note: For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes.

FREN 326. Francophonie: Text and Context  3 Units  
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered  
Prerequisite(s): FREN 320 or faculty consent.  
Description: Literature and culture of the French speaking world outside France, including Africa, the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific, the Caribbean, the Americas.  
Note: For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes.

FREN 327. The French Detective Story  3 Units  
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered  
Prerequisite(s): FREN 320 or faculty consent.  
Description: Exploration of the detective novel genre through study of works by French and francophone authors.  
Note: For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes.

FREN 328. French Cinema  3 Units  
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered  
Prerequisite(s): FREN 320 or consent of instructor.  
Description: Survey of French cinema from the late 19th century to the present. The works of directors such as Renoir, Truffaut, Godard and others are studied and analyzed.  
Note: For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes.

FREN 329. Paris in Literature and Film  3 Units  
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered  
Prerequisite(s): FREN 320 or consent of instructor.  
Description: The representation of Paris in literature, cultural texts, and films from the Middle Ages to the present.  
Note: For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes.

FREN 331. French Civilization  3 Units  
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only  
Prerequisite(s): FREN 320 or faculty consent.  
Description: Historical study of French culture and society from the beginnings to the 20th century, leading to an understanding of the development of French civilization.  
Note: Required of all French majors.  
Note: For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes.

FREN 332. France Today  3 Units  
Term Typically Offered: Spring Only  
Prerequisite(s): FREN 321 and FREN 322, or faculty consent.  
Description: Study of contemporary French culture and civilization and in-depth exploration of current political and social issues.  
Note: Required of all French majors.  
Note: For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes.
FREN 440. Community Internship 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisite(s): FREN 320 and FREN 321 and permission of instructor.
Description: An individually arranged internship that allows majors and minors to practice their language skills while enhancing their knowledge of culture as well as practical and critical thinking skills. Students work for a total of 80 approved hours per semester and complete accompanying academic work.
Note: May be repeated once for credit.
Course Attribute(s): CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content.

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FREN 455. Reading in French 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only
Prerequisite(s): FREN 321 and FREN 322, or faculty consent.
Description: Study of literary and non-literary texts from France and/or other francophone regions.
Note: Required of all French majors.

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FREN 500. French Work Exchange 3-6 Units
Prerequisite(s): Membership in a University of Louisville Work-Exchange Program with Montpellier administered by the International Center.
Description: Credit awarded upon demonstration of successful completion of course undertaken with prior approval of the department. Cooperating businesses in Montpellier provide jobs for participants who gain practical experience in a French work environment.
Note: Only three credits can be applied to a French major.
Note: May be repeated.
Course Attribute(s): CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content.

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FREN 506. Francophone Women Writers 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): FREN 321 and FREN 322, or faculty consent.
Description: Readings of literary and non-literary texts by women of the French-speaking world.
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FREN 522. French Phonetics and Diction 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 6 hours of French at 300+ level or consent of instructor.
Description: Pronunciation, diction, and intonation in theory and practice. Corrective exercises, recordings for the analysis of individual pronunciation problems. Poetry and prose studied in phonetic transcription, using the International Phonetic Alphabet; extemporaneous speaking and prepared readings.
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FREN 523. Advanced Communication Skills 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only
Prerequisite(s): FREN 321 and FREN 322, or faculty consent.
Description: Advanced French language course focusing on written and oral expression through the study of French and/or francophone literary and cultural texts.
Note: Required of all French majors.

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FREN 524. Theory and Practice of Translation 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Spring Only
Prerequisite(s): FREN 455.
Description: Discusses translation theory and develops techniques for the effective translation of a variety of materials.
Note: Required of all French majors.

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FREN 531. Special Topics in Literature and Cultural Studies 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): FREN 455 or faculty consent.
Description: An intensive study of an aspect of French or Francophone literature and/or culture.
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FREN 551. French Oral Practicum 3 Units
Grading Basis: Pass/Fail
Prerequisite(s): Membership in the UofL work-exchange program with Montpellier administered by the International Center.
Description: Credit awarded upon demonstration of successful completion of course undertaken with prior approval of the department. Cooperating businesses in Montpellier provide jobs for participants who gain practical experience in a French work environment.
Note: Only 3 credits total count toward French minor.
Note: May be repeated for credit.
Note: Taught on Pass/Fail basis.
Course Attribute(s): CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content.

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FREN 552. French Work: Exchange Research 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Membership in the UofL work-exchange program with Montpellier administered by International Center.
Description: Credit awarded upon demonstration of successful completion of a research project supervised by a French faculty member. Cooperating businesses in Montpellier provide jobs for participants who gain practical experience in a French work environment.
Note: Only 3 credits total count toward French major.
Note: May be repeated for credit.

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FREN 561. Independent Study I 1-3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Consent of department.
Description: Independent study in areas not covered in the regular curriculum.
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FREN 562. Independent Study II 1-3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Consent of department.
Description: Independent study in areas not covered in the regular curriculum.
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FREN 590. Senior Capstone - CUE 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Prerequisite(s): Declared French major, Senior standing, and completion of all 300- and 400-level requirements for the French major.
Description: Critical and reflective thinking to integrate undergraduate work and explore options for future employment.
Note: Required for all French majors.
Course Attribute(s): CUE - This course fulfills the Culminating Undergraduate Experience (CUE) requirement for certain degree programs. CUE courses are advanced-level courses intended for majors with at least 90 earned credits/senior-level status., CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content.

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FREN 599. Special Topics 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.
Description: Topics of a unique or specialized nature in French language, literature or culture.

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