

SAMPLE Four-Year Plan

B.A. French

FALL 2022 Requirements

The curriculum in the French major is flexible and allows students to move through the coursework in many ways. This four-year plan illustrates one possible path a new freshman could take to complete a degree in four years. This is not an official document and is not the only way that a French degree can be completed in four years. Current students should refer to their individual Academic Advising Report for specific graduation requirements. Courses in bold indicate major-based coursework that is completed in the first year.

First Year

Fall Semester	Units
English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading	3
Gened CORE 140 Global OR 120 Historical Perspectives	3
French 141 Beginning French I	4
General Education elective	3
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1
Total Credits	14

Spring Semester	Units
English 102 Intro to College Writing, Reading, Research	3
Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning	3
French 142 Beginning French II	3
Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society	4
PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1
Total Credits	14

Notes: The math and English courses you will take during your first year will depend on UW System placement exam scores. This four-year plan reflects the math and English courses most common for students in this major. All students are encouraged to complete placement testing prior to attending Warhawks SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration). Students with prior French language experience should complete the UW System placement test to determine appropriate placement in the major. This plan assumes no previous language experience in French. Students who begin the major in higher-level French courses have the opportunity to complete a double major, additional minor, or certificate programs within the 120 credits needed for graduation.

Opportunities: La Société Française (French Club) is open to any student interested in French language and culture.

Second Year

Fall Semester	Units
French 251 Intermediate French I	4
Gened CORE 110 CORE World of the Arts	3
US Racial/Ethnic Diversity course	3
University Requirement GN/GQ course	3
Minor course	3
Total Credits	16

Spring Semester	Units
French 252 Intermediate French II	4
Communication 110 Intro to Human Communication	3
BA 300/400 Level Breadth Requirement course	3
Minor course	3
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Total Credits	16

Notes: A study abroad or travel study experience is strongly recommended for this program. UW-Whitewater has a partnership program with Aix-Marseille University in Aix-en-Provence, France where students have the opportunity to concentrate on mastery of the French language while experiencing the culture of Provençal France. Planning for this experience typically takes place in the sophomore year with the study abroad experience taking place in the junior year. Travel opportunities can be found through the Center for Global Education (<http://www.uww.edu/international>). In addition, faculty routinely organize and lead travel study courses that involve in-class learning during the semester followed by a short-term travel experience either in the US or abroad.

Opportunities: Students in the French major may be interested in completing the Global Engagement certificate. To earn the Global Engagement Certificate, students must assemble a reflective portfolio as well as complete four globally-focused courses, achieve foreign language proficiency equivalent to four semesters at the college level, study/live abroad for six or more weeks, and attend six extra-curricular internationally focused experiences on campus.



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Third Year

Fall Semester	Units
French 321 Advanced French Language Study I	3
300-Level French elective	3
Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas	3
English 370 Advanced Composition	3
Minor course	3
Total Credits	15

Spring Semester	Units
French 322 Advanced French Language Study II	3
French 340 Contemporary Society OR 350 Civilization	3
French 390 French Conversation	1
University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course	4-5
Minor course	3
Total Credits	14-15

Notes: The French major requires 17 credits of French courses beyond French 252, 6 credits of 400-level French literature courses, and French 340 or 350. While French 321 and 322 are not specifically required, those courses are strongly recommended and included on this plan.

Opportunities: Undergraduate research is highly recommended for students who have an interest in attending graduate school in the future. Completing a directed research project with a faculty mentor has many benefits: it develops a student's critical thinking and writing abilities, signals to graduate school programs that a student is prepared for independent research of their own, and it can provide a student with financial support since many undergraduate research opportunities are paid. An internship is not required for the French major but can be a great opportunity for practical experience. An internship is an experiential learning opportunity that provides students with hands-on experience in a potential career field, supervision and coaching from prospective employers, and the ability to learn professional norms and behaviors. In addition, completing an internship allows students to differentiate themselves in a competitive job market. Students should begin planning for an internship by the beginning of the junior year and can complete the internship in the junior or senior year.

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Units
400-Level French Literature course	3
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French elective	3
Minor course	3
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Total Credits	15

Spring Semester	Units
French elective	3
French 390 French Conversation	1
Minor course	3
Electives to reach 120 (if needed)	5-9
Total Credits	12-16

Notes: All students must earn 120 credits to earn a bachelor's degree and all requirements in this program can be completed in fewer than 120 credits. Most students have the opportunity to choose additional courses in the fourth year to expand skills, explore interests, or try something new.

Opportunities: LSINDP 399: Career Information in Letters and Sciences is a 1-credit course that focuses on career and graduate school opportunities; identifying skills, strengths, and work values; creating effective job search materials; developing a networking strategy; and planning for a successful post-graduation transition.

Planning for Graduation: Students are encouraged to apply for graduation one full semester prior to their intended graduation date. Information about commencement is on the Registrar's Office website (<http://www.uww.edu/registrar/graduation>) and the application for graduation is available to students in the WINS Student Information System.



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