



# Bachelor of Arts in French

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

## Why should I major in French at Cal State Fullerton?

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures offers a wide range of programs in language study to meet the varying needs of today's students. The ability to communicate effectively is essential for success-oriented graduates, and acquiring the competence to communicate in a language other than English can often provide a competitive edge in today's global economy. Communicating effectively in a second language is more than the acquisition of language skills. Students also gain insight into another culture which often provides invaluable perspectives and greater sense of appreciation for alternate ways of life and thought. The department views language, culture and literature as integrally related facets of communication that help us to better understand ourselves and others in our rapidly changing world.

The French program is a progression of courses designed to enable you to think in French and to develop a veritable second self, while expanding your consciousness to include the mental world of one of the principal western cultures. The program also provides a critical and creative perspective on American identity and culture.

Learning a language involves much more than conjugating verbs. It means learning to think, converse, write and read using the words and thought patterns of the new language.

The French language, literature and social institutions are the principal experiences that the French program makes available to students. Whether you are planning to teach, to work in the world of international business or diplomatic relations, or simply want a real liberal arts education, our program will make French a living reality rather than a process of memorizing facts about something others have experienced.

## What career opportunities are available?

With the recent strengthening of foreign language requirements in California for graduation from high school and entry into public universities, there will be an increasing demand for teachers of French in the public schools.

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures in cooperation with the Department of Secondary Education has a state-approved Single Subject Matter Preparation Program for students who wish to teach at the secondary level. Openings for college-level French faculty members are expected to increase in the future as well.

**What types of career opportunities are available?**

The growing internationalization of business in the U.S., especially in Southern California, means that there will be a greater need in business and commerce for persons proficient in French. The College of Business and Economics, in cooperation with the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, offers a B.A. in International Business with a concentration in French. Similar opportunities for individuals proficient in French exist in travel and tourism, the media, publishing, the fields of translation and interpreting, and governmental and non-governmental organizations.

**What courses are required for a French major?**

The Bachelor of Arts in French consists of 33 units of upper-division course work, including the required 3-unit upper-division writing course that can be fulfilled by taking either Foreign Language 301 or English 301. Each course counted toward the major must be completed with a grade of “C” or better. Prior to undertaking upper-division work, the French major must have completed the following lower-division courses or their equivalents:

**Basic Requirements (20 units)**

French 101, 102 Fundamental French A, B (5 units, 5 units)

French 203, 204 Intermediate French A, B (3 units, 3 units)

French 213 Intermediate Diction and Phonetics (2 units)

French 214 Intermediate Conversation and Composition (2 units)

**Upper-Division Requirements (33 units)**

*(Specific required courses are italicized)*

**I. Upper-Division Writing Requirement (3 units)**

Foreign Language 301 Writing in Intercultural Context (3 units)

OR English 301 Advanced College Writing (3 units)

**II. Language (3 units required\*, up to 9 units)**

*French 307 Advanced Composition and Grammar (3 units)*

*OR French 308 Advanced Composition and Grammar (3 units)*

French 310 French in the Business World (3 units)

French 409 Techniques of French-English Translation (3 units)

**III. Linguistics (3 units required\*, up to 9 units)**

French 300 Advanced Oral Expression and Phonetics (3 units)

French 408 Advanced Writing: Syntax and Morphology (3 units)

French 466 Introduction to French Linguistics (3 units)

**IV. Civilization and Culture (6 units required, up to 12 units)**

*French 315 Origins of Modern France (3 units)*

*French 325 Contemporary French Civilization (3 units)*

French 311 French for International Business (3 units)

French 407 French Film (3 units)

French 435T Topics in French/Francophone Culture (3 units)

**V. Literature (6 units required, up to 12 units)**

*French 375 Explorations in Literature (3 units)*

Select one of the Interdisciplinary Approaches courses:

French 470 French Literature and Power (3 units)

OR French 471 Literature and the Human Psyche (3 units)

OR French 472 Philosophical Exploration in Literature (3 units)

**VI. Capstone Seminar (3 units required)**

*French 485 Senior Seminar in French Studies (3 units)*

**VII. Electives (9 units required)**

In consultation with your adviser, choose nine additional units of electives of which a minimum of six units must be at the 400-level, from at least two of the categories listed above: Language, Linguistics, Civilization and Culture, and Literature.

\*Six units are required in the areas of Language and Linguistics for the Single Subject Matter Preparation for the Secondary Education Teaching Credential.

**Is a minor in French available?**

In addition to the major in French, the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures offers a minor in French. Students wishing to complete a minor must meet the same lower-division prerequisites as those required for the French major.

**Basic Requirements (20 units)**

French 101, 102 Fundamental French A, B (5 units, 5 units)

French 203, 204 Intermediate French A, B (3 units, 3 units)

French 213 Intermediate Diction and Phonetics (2 units)

French 214 Intermediate Conversation and Composition (2 units)

**Upper Division Requirements (12 units)**

*Choose six units from the following:*

French 307 Advanced Composition and Grammar (3 units)

OR French 308 Advanced Composition and Grammar (3 units)

French 315 Origins of Modern France (3 units)

OR French 325 Contemporary French Civilization (3 units)

*PLUS, in consultation with an adviser, choose two additional upper-division courses in French (6 units). Please consult the University Catalog for more details.*

**Do you offer a credential program?**

French majors wishing to satisfy state requirements for the Subject Matter Preparation Program leading to a Single Subject Teaching Credential in French must complete the 21-unit core requirements plus an additional 12 units, including one additional upper-division (or graduate) course in both language and linguistics.

Interested students should seek advisement from the Foreign Language Education Adviser in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

**What facilities and special programs are available?**

French majors will be interested in exploring the possibilities for study at the University of Paris through the exchange program sponsored by California State University, Fullerton and through the International Programs of the California State University at the University of Aix-Marseille in France or at francophone universities in Quebec.

The Foreign Language Laboratory provides language students the opportunity to develop and refine their language competence outside the classroom. Materials relating to many of the texts used in a variety of courses are available in the language lab. In addition, a broad variety of audio and videotapes are available. The language lab also houses state-of-the-art, interactive computer-assisted instructional equipment with a total of 24 computerized workstations available for student use.

**What activities can I join?**

Student involvement in the department is encouraged through Le Cercle Français. Club activities include a variety of social events scheduled throughout the academic year, as well as lectures, films and other cultural events designed to enhance the acquisition of language skills and cultural knowledge outside the formal classroom.

French students majoring in international business are encouraged to become involved with AIESEC, an international business students' organization. The CSUF chapter of AIESEC is active in scheduling a broad variety of programs relating to international business and generating international internships.

**Who advises me?**

Department faculty members provide academic and career advisement. Each student majoring or seeking a minor in French is assigned a faculty adviser. Advisement takes place during the instructors' office hours or by appointment. Students are encouraged to meet with their faculty advisers at least once a semester.

**How can I learn more?**

For further information please contact the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, California State University, Fullerton, P.O. Box 6846, Fullerton, California 92834-6846, or call (714) 278-3534.

We also suggest that you visit the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures in Humanities 835-C and talk with one of our advisers, or visit us on the Internet at: <http://hss.fullerton.edu/fll>