

FRENCH STUDIES

Departmental Notes

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Overview

At Queen's you can choose from a variety of courses dealing with oral and written French, literature and culture of France, Quebec and francophone countries, linguistics, and business French. You will have opportunities to study or work in a francophone context either in Quebec or Europe, through academic exchanges or work/study programs.

Departmental Policies

Credit for Immersion Courses

Students who have taken an immersion course elsewhere may have to be tested by the department in order to receive credit for such a course.

Advice to Students

Introductory French Language Courses

The French Department recognizes that students enter the University with a wide range of abilities in the French language. Therefore, all incoming students intending to take 100-level French courses should take an online French placement test before registering to ensure that they are placed in a course at the correct proficiency level. Students should note that once they have passed a course at one level of proficiency, they will not be allowed to take for credit a French language course at a lower level. These rules are enforced by a series of exclusions. Students who wish to pursue a French Plan should also note that courses below FREN 150 may not be used towards French Plan

requirements, though they may be used as electives or partially towards the requirements of the French Certificate of Competence (see below).

Communication and Culture Courses

The Department of French Studies offers a series of Communication and Culture courses, both online and on campus, for students wishing to develop and perfect their French language skills. These include: practical communication skills to engage in a range of everyday situations; learning about various French cultures; vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation; interactive activities & group work. No auditors.

Special Study Opportunities/Cultural Activities

The Department of French Studies offers a range of cultural programs and educational opportunities for faculty, students, and the Kingston community.

Learning Resources

Technological resources are available for students taking courses in the Department. These include language laboratories, Room 121 at Stauffer Library.

Credit for Work Taken at a French-Language University

The third year of a four-year program with a French Major (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/french-studies/french-studies-major-arts-ba-honours/>), Joint Honours or Minor (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/french-studies/french-studies-minor-arts/>) Plan may be taken at a French-language university. Credit for this work may be allowed if at least 60.00 units with a cumulative GPA of 1.90 have been attempted by the end of second year, including FREN 150, FREN 230, FREN 241 and FREN 231 with a GPA of 1.90 on these three courses. On returning to Queen's for the fourth year, students will be allowed to transfer credits in French, if proof is submitted of having taken the equivalent of Queen's courses. All students spending their third year at such a university are required to take at least 9.00 further units in French at Queen's, normally at the 300 level.

Certificate of Competence in French Language

Students who are not registered in a French Plan but have taken certain courses in French at Queen's or received transfer credit for courses taken elsewhere are eligible for a



Certificate of Competence in French Language. Note that this is not a Senate-approved Certificate Program and therefore will be noted as an Academic Milestone on the transcript. The Certificate will be issued by the French Department on behalf of the Faculty of Arts and Science.

Intermediate Level includes courses in oral and written French, French literature, business French or French linguistics.

Requirements: 18.00 units in French. Required courses include FREN 150, FREN 231 and 3.00 units from the Communication and Culture series of courses and 6.00 units from the list of option courses. All courses taken for the certificate must be at a level equal to or above FREN 150 (with the exception of FREN 118) **and be in good standing**. No more than 6.00 transferred units can be counted towards the intermediate level certificate.

Intermediate-Advanced Level includes courses in oral and written French and possibly French literature, business French, or French linguistics.

Requirements: 24.00 units in French. Required courses include FREN 150 and FREN 231 and FREN 360 and 3.00 units from the Communication and Culture series of courses at the level of FREN 219 or above and 9.00 units from the list of options courses. All courses taken for the certificate must be at a level equal to or above FREN 150, **and be in good standing**. Only 6.00 units from Communication and Culture courses (FREN 219, FREN 320) credit can be counted towards the certificate. No more than 9.00 transferred units can be counted towards the intermediate-advanced level certificate.

Applications for the Certificate should be received by the Department of French Studies before the Departmental deadline.