

FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES, B.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in French and Francophone Studies (all options) a minimum of 120 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	20-24
Requirements for the Major	51-68

13 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. For the French-Business Option, 4 credits of GQ courses; 6 credits of GS courses; 3 credits of GWS courses.

Per Senate Policy 83-80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of coursework in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
FR 201	Oral Communication and Reading Comprehension	3
FR 202	Grammar and Composition	3
FR 401	Advanced Oral Communication	3
FR 402Y	Advanced Grammar and Writing	3
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
FR 316	French Linguistics	
FR 417	French Phonology	
FR 418	French Syntax	
FR 419	French Semantics	
Select three of the following:		9
FR 331	French and Francophone Culture I	
FR 332	French and Francophone Culture II	
FR 351	French and Francophone Literature: Poetry, Theatre, and Performance	

FR 352	French and Francophone Literature: Narrative	
Requirements for the Option		
<i>Requirements for the Option: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select an option		27-44

Requirements for the Option French-Business Option (44 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
ACCTG 211	Financial and Managerial Accounting for Decision Making	4
BA 301	Finance	3
BA 303	Marketing	3
BA 304	Management and Organization	3
ECON 102	Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy	3
ECON 104	Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy	3
ENGL 202D	Effective Writing: Business Writing	3
FR 409	French for Professional Purposes	3
FR 430	Contemporary France	3
IB 303	International Business Operations	3
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
MKTG 220	Introduction to Selling Techniques	3
or IB 403	International Business and National Policies	
SCM 200	Introduction to Statistics for Business	4
or STAT 200	Elementary Statistics	
Select one of the following:		3
ECON 333	International Economics	
MGMT 461	International Management	
MKTG 445	Global Marketing	

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 3 credits in French at the 400 level		3

French-Engineering Option (30 credits)

Open only to students enrolled in an engineering major.

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
FR 409	French for Professional Purposes	3
FR 430	Contemporary France	3
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 21 credits of engineering courses, including ENGR 295 and ENGR 395, in consultation with the engineering adviser		21
Select 3 credits in French at the 400 level		3

Note: All French-Engineering majors are required to participate in a one-semester engineering internship in France, arranged by the College of Engineering, during which up to 9 credits in French and up to 12 credits in engineering may be earned. The work experience may take the form of a professional internship (ENGR 195I) or be part of a cooperative education sequence (ENGR 295I, ENGR 395I, or ENGR 495I).

Applied French Option (27 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
FR 430	Contemporary France	3
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 18 credits (at least 6 credits at the 400 level) in related areas in consultation with an adviser ¹		18
Select 6 credits in French at the 400 level		6

¹ Select from related areas such as:

- Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management
- Linguistics
- Sociology
- Economics
- Science, Technology and Society
- Another professional area where competency in French is desirable

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements**First Year Engagement**

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.