

## BA in French, 4-year Plan

Typically, students in the BA in French should be taking two to three French classes in their first year: it all depends upon the level at which they start (FREN 101/first semester, FREN 102/second semester, FREN 201/intermediate level (this class fulfills the GE requirement in world languages and counts towards the French major) or FREN 300 level (upper division). This level is determined by the Canvas based French placement exam, AP/IB French score, or assessment of the student by the department before the Summer registration period. As AP/IB French language scores may come in after your summer registration period, please contact the department if you have taken an AP/IB French language exam and the registrar has not yet received the score. Although first-year students are normally not allowed to take 300 level classes, world language classes (French) are allowed if the student has the necessary level. A student starting at the 101 level should take FR 101 in the fall, FR 102 in interterm (if possible) and FR 201 in the spring. As FREN 201 is the prerequisite class for all 300/400 level French classes, it is important to complete this level during your first year or fall semester of your sophomore year at the latest. An entering student with an AP/IB French score of 5 or who has been assessed by the department to have the necessary level may start at the 300 level as of their first semester of enrollment. If you have not taken the AP/IB French test, you must take the Canvas French placement test over the summer and before your registration date. The Advising Center takes at least 1 working day to manually process the results of your Canvas placement exam and to enable your enrollment in FREN 101, FREN 102 or FREN 201. If you have 4 years of high school French and feel that you can handle a more challenging class your first semester, please contact the department over the summer and before your registration period for an assessment. Each interterm, FREN 102, FREN 202a/FREN 346a (The Murder Mystery), and FREN 353C (Travel Seminar to London & Paris) are offered. Each summer, FREN 101a, FREN 102a, FREN 201a and FREN 345a are offered as part of the travel seminar to the French Riviera. The BA in French is only 10 classes (30 credits) and it starts with FREN 201/FREN 201a, which also fulfills the language requirement. Of the 10 classes, 8 must be taken at the 300 or 400 level (upper-division). The only required class is FREN 498 (Junior/Senior Seminar). This capstone class may be taken during the Junior year (if the student is a double major and does not want to write two theses during their senior year) or the Senior year. It is offered only in the spring semester and no substitutions are possible, so students want to plan carefully to take this class. Although the only required class is FREN 498, students are strongly encouraged to take FREN 347 (Business French), FREN 348 (Francophone Literatures of the World) and FREN 378 (Contemporary French Society, Politics, The European Union and French Speaking World). These courses are offered alternative years. They provide a larger scope than the study of continental France to include the French-speaking world of Africa, the Caribbean, the Americas, the Pacific and more. They also provide important skills, which can be used to secure internships and future employment. Students can also earn from 12 to 15 credits in French all of which can count towards the major if taken at the correct level by completing a semester in France program (ISEP, AIFS-Cannes, CEA-Paris). Application to such programs are completed well in advance and handled directly by the Center for Global Education (<https://www.chapman.edu/international-studies/center-for-global-education/study-abroad-programs/index.aspx>). Request to approve credits for the major from study abroad are all submitted directly via the Global Education portal and not via email.

YEAR 1: (30-36 Credits)

| FALL   | INTERTERM (optional)   | SPRING   | SUMMER (optional)   |
|--|--|--|---|
| FREN 101, FREN 102, FR 201 OR FR 300 (any 300 level class) depending on your level | FREN 102 or FREN 202a/FREN 346a (The Murder Mystery) or FR 353C (travel seminar to London/Paris) | FREN 102 or FREN 201 or FREN 300                             | FREN 201 or FREN 345 (Travel Seminar to the French Riviera) |
| ENG 103 (unless you have received AP Credit for it)                                |  | Second major, minor, GE Cluster/Themed Inquiry, honors, etc. |   |
| GE Quantitative Inquiry (Unless AP credit for it)                                  |  | Second major, minor, GE Cluster/Themed Inquiry, honors, etc. |   |
| FFC 100  |  | GE course  |   |
| Second major, minor, GE Cluster/Themed Inquiry, honors, etc.                       |  | GE course  |   |

Year 2: (30-36 Credits)

| FALL   | INTERTERM (optional)   | SPRING  | SUMMER (optional)                             |
|--|--|---|---|
| FREN 201 or FR 300 (any 300 level class) depending on your level | FREN 202a/FREN 346a (The Murder Mystery) or FR 353C (travel seminar to London/Paris) | FREN 300 (any 300 level French class)                   | FR 345 (Travel Seminar to the French Riviera) |
| Class for 2nd major, minor or GE Cluster/Themed Inquiry          |  | FREN 300 (any 300 level French class)                   |   |
| Class for 2nd major, minor or GE Cluster/Themed Inquiry          |  | Class for 2nd major, minor or GE Cluster/Themed Inquiry |   |
| GE Course  |  | GE course   |   |
| GE Course  |  | GE course   |   |

Year 3: (30-36 Credits)

| FALL  | INTERTERM (optional)   | SPRING  | SUMMER (optional)                             |
|---|--|---|---|
| FR 300 (any 300 level class) depending on your level    | FR 202a/FR 346a (The Murder Mystery) or FR 353C (travel seminar to London/Paris) | FR 300 or FR 498 (junior senior seminar)                | FR 345 (Travel Seminar to the French Riviera) |
| FR 300 (any 300 level class) depending on your level    |  | FR 300 (any 300 level class) depending on your level    |   |
| Class for 2nd major, minor or GE Cluster/Themed Inquiry |  | Class for 2nd major, minor or GE Cluster/Themed Inquiry |   |
| GE Course   |  | GE course   |   |
| GE Course   |  | GE course   |   |

YEAR 4 (30-36 credits)

| FALL  | INTERTERM  | SPRING  |
|---|--|---|
| FREN 300  | FR 202a/FR 346a (The Murder Mystery) or FR 353C (travel seminar to London/Paris) | FREN 498 (junior senior seminar) if not taken Junior year or FR 300 |
| Class for 2nd major, minor or GE Cluster/Themed Inquiry |  | Class for 2nd major, minor or GE Cluster/Themed Inquiry             |
| Class for 2nd major, minor or GE Cluster/Themed Inquiry |  | Class for 2nd major, minor or GE Cluster/Themed Inquiry             |
| GE Course   |  | GE course   |
| GE Course   |  | GE course   |

Important notes:

Shared Credits: You may share credits between GE requirements and the BA in English requirements in the following ways:

Up to 9 credits in the English major with GE Liberal Arts and Sciences Focus and Global Focus courses, even if they are not being used in the major.

Up to 6 credits from a minor. Courses in the minor's primary discipline are included in this limit even if they are not being used in the minor.

Internships: internships are particularly important for French majors to help them experience the various opportunities for using their skills of speaking and writing in the target language. Remember that some internships will require commuting to cities fairly far from Chapman, like Los Angeles, and can take up quite a bit of time, so make sure that you are considering how that balances with your other coursework. Also, internships can be completed as FR 399/FR 499 in interterm and summer session. Please contact the department if you have any questions.

Individual Study/Reading & Conference: If you are short a class or two your senior year, please see a faculty member teaching a 300 level class to see if it is possible to add a 3 credit individual study or Reading and Conference class.

Course load: remember that the threshold for graduating is 120 credits, regardless of majors and minors. This comes out to an average of 5 classes a semester. If you are double-majoring, or double minoring, you could easily go above 120 credits. Keep this in mind if you have a semester where you only take 4 classes; you'll need to make those credits up somewhere, either in Interterm, by taking 6 classes (18 credits) during a different semester or by taking a 3 credit summer class/travel seminar to France.