FRENCH (FREN)

Study Abroad in Dijon
The department offers a junior year and semesters abroad at the University of Burgundy in Dijon, France (see FREN 690 Study Abroad in Dijon France). This program is open to all qualified students at the University of New Hampshire who have completed FREN 631 Advanced French: Reading and Writing and FREN 632 Advanced French: Listening and Speaking by the end of the semester preceding their departure. Early consultation with the director of the program is urged. Non-credit orientation meetings are required during the semester prior to departure.

Summer Study in Dijon
This program is open to all students interested in an immersion program during the summer. It provides four to eight weeks of intensive courses in French at the CIEF (Centre International des Etudes françaises) at the Université de Bourgogne in Dijon, France. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required. Special fee. 4 to 8 credits. No previous study of the language is necessary to participate. Study in Dijon can satisfy the language requirement. Consult faculty of the French program to ensure proper placement. For French majors, the summer course can only satisfy the study abroad requirement of those who have documented academic reasons preventing them from studying abroad for an entire semester. By petition only.

Spring/Summer Study in Toulouse
This program is a half-semester spring course followed by a summer travel experience in southwestern France. Students enroll in a 2-credit version of FREN 595 French Practicum during the second half of the spring semester. On-campus class sessions will prepare students for travel and introduce them to the diversity of French cultural heritage. The program will culminate in a 2-week stay in Toulouse, France, with UNH faculty, facilitated by CIEE’s Toulouse center staff.

Teaching Assistantship in France (TAPIF)
Each year the French government offers teaching assistantships in French elementary or secondary schools for graduating students who have studied French. The application process begins during the fall semester of the senior year. Consultation with the advisor is recommended.

Courses

French (FREN)
FREN 401 - Elementary French I
Credits: 0 or 4
Conducted in French, the course introduces students to French language and culture through speaking, listening, reading, writing, labs and films. Designed for students without previous training in French. Credit only for students who have had less than two years of French in secondary school. FREN 401 - FREN 402 taken together satisfies the foreign language requirement.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FREN 402 - Elementary French II
Credits: 0 or 4
See description for FREN 401. Cannot be taken separately except with permission of instructor.
Attributes: Foreign Language Requirement
Equivalent(s): FREN 503H, FREN 585
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FREN 503 - Intermediate French I
Credits: 4
Conducted in French. Review of grammar with emphasis on the development of reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. With modules on culture tailored to the needs of students in STEM disciplines as well as in agriculture, business, hospitality, and health and human services (among others).
Attributes: World Cultures(Discovery)
Equivalent(s): FREN 503H, FREN 585
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FREN 503W - Intermediate French I
Credits: 4
Conducted in French. Review of grammar with emphasis on the development of reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills, and on culture. Discussion in French of literary and cultural readings. Labs and films.
Attributes: World Cultures(Discovery); Writing Intensive Course
Equivalent(s): FREN 503H, FREN 585
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FREN 504 - Intermediate French II
Credits: 4
Conducted in French. Review of grammar with emphasis on the development of reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills, and on culture. Discussion in French of literary and cultural readings. Labs and films.
Attributes: World Cultures(Discovery); Writing Intensive Course
Equivalent(s): FREN 504H, FREN 586
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

Programs

- French Major (B.A.)
- French Minor

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FREN 525 - A Road Trip Through France: Baguette, Brie, Bordeaux, and Beyond
Credits: 4
What makes France France, and how did it evolve from a mostly agricultural to a modern society? Using films, essays, newspaper articles, and television this course examines major social, political, and gastronomic trends, events, debates and personalities that help shed light on contemporary French culture. Taught in English. Not for major credit. May be repeated for credit barring duplication of materials. Offered in Spring.
Attributes: World Cultures(Discovery); Inquiry (Discovery); Writing Intensive Course
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FREN #525H - Honors/A Road Trip Through France: Baguette, Brie, Bordeaux, and Beyond
Credits: 4
What makes France France, and how did it evolve from a mostly agricultural to a modern society? Using films, essays, newspaper articles, and television this course examines major social, political, and gastronomic trends, events, debates and personalities that help shed light on contemporary French culture. Taught in English. Not for major credit. May be repeated for credit barring duplication of materials. Offered in the Spring.
Attributes: Honors course; World Cultures(Discovery); Inquiry (Discovery); Writing Intensive Course
Grade Mode: Letter Grading
Special Fee: Yes

FREN 526 - Introduction to Francophone Cultures
Credits: 4
Taught in English. Focus on French-speaking cultures other than France. Includes historical, geographical, and artistic expressions of these cultures. Not for major credit. May be repeated for credit barring duplication of materials. (Not offered every year).
Attributes: World Cultures(Discovery); Inquiry (Discovery); Writing Intensive Course
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FREN 595 - French Practicum
Credits: 2
Practical use of French language or cultural skills outside the classroom through special projects.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits.
Grade Mode: Credit/Fail Grading

FREN #595A - A Culinary Exploration in Southern France
Credits: 0
A 2-week long experience abroad intended to immerse students in French language and culture. The intensive and impactful in-country travel will augment on-campus instruction, and will provide a “living lab” experience for students who have taken FREN 595.
Prerequisite(s): FREN 595 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Credit/Fail Grading
Special Fee: Yes

FREN 595H - Honors/French Practicum
Credits: 2
Same as above, but for Honors courses.
Prerequisite(s): FREN 595 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Credit/Fail Grading
Special Fee: Yes

FREN 651 - Love, War, and Power in French Literature
Credits: 4
This course is intended to refine students’ ability to write in French through the study and practice of stylistic techniques, pertinent grammatical structures, and vocabulary used in contemporary written French. Working with a variety of texts, students become familiar with, and practice different forms of French rhetoric and styles in creative, argumentative, and analytical writings. Revision and rewriting are an integral part of the course, with students’ own work providing a focus for in-class analysis and feedback. Offered during the fall semester. The course sequence FREN 631 - FREN 632 may be taken in any order.
Attributes: World Cultures(Discovery); Writing Intensive Course
Prerequisite(s): FREN 504 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FREN 652 - Greatest Hits of French Literature
Credits: 4
This course is intended to refine students’ ability to communicate in French, through the practice of debating and exchanging ideas, and a variety of pronunciation exercises. While reviewing and refining pertinent grammatical structures, students discuss current events and other material in class and on-line. Students also have the opportunity to actively practice their French during the weekly Zoom session with French students from Bordeaux. Offered during the spring semester.
FREN 631 and FREN 632 may be taken in any order.
Attributes: World Cultures(Discovery)
Prerequisite(s): FREN 504 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FREN 651H - Honors/Love, War, and Power in French Literature
Credits: 4
Same as above, but for Honors courses.
Prerequisite(s): FREN 504 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FREN 652H - Honors/Greatest Hits of French Literature
Credits: 4
Same as above, but for Honors courses.
Prerequisite(s): FREN 504 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FREN 631 - Advanced French: Reading and Writing
Credits: 4
This course is intended to refine students’ ability to write in French through the study and practice of stylistic techniques, pertinent grammatical structures, and vocabulary used in contemporary written French. Working with a variety of texts, students become familiar with, and practice different forms of French rhetoric and styles in creative, argumentative, and analytical writings. Revision and rewriting are an integral part of the course, with students’ own work providing a focus for in-class analysis and feedback. Offered during the fall semester. The course sequence FREN 631 - FREN 632 may be taken in any order.
Attributes: World Cultures(Discovery); Writing Intensive Course
Prerequisite(s): FREN 504 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FREN 632 - Advanced French: Listening and Speaking
Credits: 4
This course is intended to refine students’ ability to communicate in French, through the practice of debating and exchanging ideas, and a variety of pronunciation exercises. While reviewing and refining pertinent grammatical structures, students discuss current events and other material in class and on-line. Students also have the opportunity to actively practice their French during the weekly Zoom session with French students from Bordeaux. Offered during the spring semester.
FREN 631 and FREN 632 may be taken in any order.
Attributes: World Cultures(Discovery)
Prerequisite(s): FREN 504 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FREN 631H - Honors/Advanced French: Reading and Writing
Credits: 4
Same as above, but for Honors courses.
Prerequisite(s): FREN 504 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FREN 632H - Honors/Advanced French: Listening and Speaking
Credits: 4
Same as above, but for Honors courses.
Prerequisite(s): FREN 504 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FREN 651 - Love, War, and Power in French Literature
Credits: 4
Reading and rigorous oral and written analysis of French literary texts that illustrate a variety of genres, with particular attention paid to the issues of love, war, and power. May be taken before or after FREN 652.
Attributes: Humanities(Disc); Writing Intensive Course
Prerequisite(s): FREN 631 (may be taken concurrently) with a minimum grade of D- and (FREN 632 (may be taken concurrently) with a minimum grade of D-.
Equivalent(s): FREN 651H
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FREN 652 - Greatest Hits of French Literature
Credits: 4
Reading and rigorous oral and written analysis of major French texts spanning 5 centuries of literature that illustrate a variety of genres, from the Chanson de Roland to Moliere’s famous comedies. May be taken before or after FREN 651.
Attributes: Humanities(Disc); Writing Intensive Course
Prerequisite(s): FREN 631 (may be taken concurrently) with a minimum grade of D- and FREN 632 (may be taken concurrently) with a minimum grade of D-.
Equivalent(s): FREN 652H
Grade Mode: Letter Grading
FREN 676 - Topics in Francophone Culture  
Credits: 4  
Topics drawn from all aspects and periods of French civilization. May be repeated for credit barring duplication of materials. (Not offered every year.)  
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course  
Prerequisite(s): FREN 631 with a minimum grade of D- and FREN 632 with a minimum grade of D- and (FREN 651 with a minimum grade of D- or FREN 652 with a minimum grade of D-).  
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.  
Equivalent(s): FREN 636  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

FREN #677 - France in the European Union  
Credits: 4  
Topics drawn from all aspects of contemporary French culture in its relationship with the fifteen member states of the European Union, with emphasis on the role of France in the building of the European Union. Corequisite: FREN 651 or FREN 652. (Not offered every year).  
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course  
Prerequisite(s): FREN 631 with a minimum grade of D- and FREN 632 with a minimum grade of D-.  
Equivalent(s): FREN 645  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

FREN 683 - Summer Study in Dijon (4 weeks)  
Credits: 4  
This course offers four weeks of intensive study of French language at the Centre International d'Etudes Francaises (CIEF) in Dijon, France. The prerequisite is at least elementary French or equivalent and depends on the student's level at the time of registration. Minimum GPA of 2.5 or better and permission. Special UNH fee. Student responsible for personal and travel expenses. Offered summers only.  
Co-requisite: INCO 589  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  
Special Fee: Yes  

FREN 691 - Summer Study in Dijon (8 weeks)  
Credits: 8  
This course offers eight weeks of intensive study of French language at the Centre International d'Etudes Francaises (CIEF) in Dijon, France. The prerequisite is at least elementary French or equivalent and depends on the student's level at the time of registration. This course is also open to French majors who cannot fulfill their semester-long study abroad requirement for documented academic reasons. By petition only. Minimum GPA of 2.5 or better and permission. Special UNH fee. Student responsible for personal and travel expenses. Offered summers only.  
Co-requisite: INCO 589  
Grade Mode: Credit/Fail Grading  
Special Fee: Yes  

FREN 765 - Rebellion and Upheaval in 18th-Century Literature and Culture  
Credits: 4  
This course presents different facets of the culture, literature, and history from Louis XIV's death to the Napoleonic era, placing particularly emphasis on the intellectual productions that questioned the status quo and played a role in the unfolding of the French Revolution. May be repeated for credit, barring duplication of materials.  
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course  
Prerequisite(s): FREN 651 with a minimum grade of D- and FREN 652 with a minimum grade of D-.  
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. May be repeated up to 2 times.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

FREN 775 - Les Mis and their World  
Credits: 4  
Inspired by the very popular Victor Hugo's novel Les Miserables, this course examines 19th-century society and many issues of importance during that period: romantic and familial love, the nature of law and justice, morals and religious faith, as well as the architecture and urban design of Paris. It will also consider some of the adaptations for film, television, and the stage. May be repeated for credit, barring duplication of materials.  
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course  
Prerequisite(s): FREN 651 with a minimum grade of D- and FREN 652 with a minimum grade of D-.  
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. May be repeated up to 2 times.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

FREN #785 - Francophonies Plurielles  
Credits: 4  
Spoken in many countries around the world, French has a rich international literary tradition. This course presents the numerous facets of Francophone literature and film produced in Quebec, Western Africa, the Indian Ocean, and the Caribbean. Focus will change each time the course is offered. May be repeated for credit, barring duplication of materials.  
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course  
Prerequisite(s): FREN 651 with a minimum grade of D- and FREN 652 with a minimum grade of D-.  
Repeat Rule: May be repeated up to 2 times.  
Equivalent(s): FREN 653  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading
FREN #790 - Cultural Encounters: A View from Abroad
Credits: 4
French major capstone course for students returning from studying in a French-speaking country. It provides the opportunity 1) to reflect on an international experience and cross cultural communication; 2) to fine tune their use of different styles and modes of expression; 3) to practice translation skills.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course
Prerequisite(s): FREN 690 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FREN 795 - Special Studies in French Language and Literature
Credits: 1-4
Individual guided study of the work of a major author, a genre, or specific topics in literature. Training in bibliography and organization of material. (Not offered every year).
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

Faculty

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