

French and Francophone Studies Major Requirements

Prerequisites: FRENCH 230 or 232, or RCLANG 290 or 310, with a grade of C- or higher; or assignment by a placement test.

French majors whose coursework includes any courses in the range of FRENCH 100 - 231 may elect to take these courses for a grade or Pass/Fail.

Requirements:

A minimum of 30 credits in FRENCH courses beyond the prerequisite, including:

- FRENCH 235 or RCLANG 320
- A minimum of two FRENCH 270-299 courses
- At least 18 credits of FRENCH courses 300-level or above
- Majors must take one of the following literature and culture courses in RLL at the Ann Arbor campus: FRENCH 350-379

A maximum of two courses in the major may be chosen from French courses taught in English without language prerequisites. These courses include (but are not limited to): FRENCH 240-249, 340-349, 440-449.

- Students who begin their French coursework in the language program sequence (FRENCH 100-232) may replace one 240-level French course taught in English with three credits from FRENCH 232, FRENCH 230, or RCLANG 290.

FRENCH 250x AP or IB credit may count as one FRENCH 270-299 course taught in French. For more details, visit: lsa.umich.edu/rll/undergraduates/language-placement/ap-and-ib-credits.html

Students may substitute RCLANG 320 for FRENCH 235. Students who complete a second and/or a third RCLANG 320 course will receive major credit for a French elective at the 270-299 level. Review RLL's [RC equivalency page](#) for additional information.

French majors are encouraged to consider the possibility of studying abroad.

Constraints

To ensure that French majors gain a broad range of knowledge in the French language, literature, and culture, a maximum of six credits from the French professional and/or internship courses (FRENCH 278, 281, and 381) as well as any of their equivalents accepted as transfer and/or study abroad credit can count toward the major or minor.

Residency

A minimum of 15 of the required 30 credits must be taken either in residence or through a study abroad program affiliated with the University of Michigan.

Study Abroad

Study abroad courses must be evaluated by a French faculty advisor. Students must make an appointment prior to their departure and after their return for a pre- and post-evaluation.

AP/IB Credit

FRENCH AP or IB credit (250x) may count as one upper-200-level FRENCH course taught in French. AP or IB credit is considered out-of-residence credit.

Honors

French Honors majors are required to complete 36 credits of coursework and successfully defend a thesis. Visit the [Majors and Minors tab](#) on the RLL website for more information; including application details and requirements.

Teaching Certificate

Students interested in obtaining a secondary teaching certificate should study the general requirements for professional preparation on the [School of Education's "Undergraduate Secondary Teacher Education" webpage](#).

French Major Checklist

- ☐ Language Sequence Prerequisite (students with AP/IB credit or placement into 235, skip to Core Requirements):

French 101 →	French 102 or 103 →	French 231 →	French 232 (abroad option)
Or French 100- intensive 1st year		Or French 230 -intensive 2nd year (abroad option)	
Term:	Term:	Term:	Term:

Core Requirements:

- ☐ French 235 or RCLANG 320

Term	French 235 or RCLANG 320	Grade	Credits

- ☐ 270 level (above 235)

Term	270-level (above 235) course	Grade	Credits
Total Credits, 9 maximum =			

- ☐ 300-level or above, *including* one course numbered 350-379 or 450-499 taken on campus

Term	300-level or above courses	Grade	Credits
Total Credits, 18 minimum =			

- ☐ Total French Major Core credits = 30

French Honors Option

33 credits total *including* French 491 and 492

	Term	Grade
French 491		
French 492		