

Program Description

Our French program provides students with a foundation needed to be able to communicate effectively. Students in our French program develop reading, writing, and speaking skills as well as aural comprehension. Additionally, students will gain an acquaintance with the literature, history, and culture of French speaking countries, demonstrate cultural knowledge, and use technology to develop language and cultural competence. All courses in French are transfer-level. French is adapted to careers in international business or trade, telecommunications, fashion, the gourmet food industry, medical research, international law, diplomacy and the foreign service, aerospace technology and careers in the arts and humanities.

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Career Options

Banking	Medicine
Consular and Junior Foreign Service Officer	Nursing
Import and Export Business	Overseas Employment
International Business	Police Work
Overseas Employment	Social Security Office
Police Work	Teacher
Social Security Office	Translating and Interpreting
Teacher	Social Services

(Careers may require education beyond the two-year college level.)

Certificate Program

Certificate not applicable.

Associate Degree

An associate degree with a major in French is not available. French courses can be included in the 18 units necessary for an associate degree with a major in Liberal Arts and Sciences or toward the General Education Requirements. (See Graduation/Associate Degree Requirements.)

Transfer

Students planning to continue studies at a four-year college or university after AVC should visit the Transfer Resource Center and consult with a counselor as soon as possible. Additional information on official transfer articulation agreements from AVC to many CSU/UC campuses can be found at www.assist.org

Prerequisite Completion

All prerequisite courses must be completed with a satisfactory grade in order to enroll in the next course. According to Title 5, Section 55200(d), a satisfactory grade is a grade of "A," "B," "C" or "P". Classes in which the Pass/No Pass option is available are indicated with an asterisk (*) before the course title. See "Pass/No Pass Option" in the catalog for full explanation.

French Courses

FREN 101 *ELEMENTARY FRENCH 1

5 units

5 hours weekly

Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 101 or placement by multiple measures.

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing French. Emphasis is on the vocabulary, grammar, and cultural knowledge necessary to communicate in everyday situations. Course will include work in pairs and small groups so that students will be active learners. The basic geography and history of French-speaking countries will also be covered. Students will also be introduced to critical thinking, such as it pertains to the comparisons of different value systems. They will use various Francophone perspectives to examine, compare, and contrast issues and values such as family, holidays, religion, politics, education, children, work, and contrast them with their own culture. (CSU, UC, AVC)

FREN 102 *ELEMENTARY FRENCH 2

5 units

5 hours weekly

Prerequisite: Completion of FREN 101.

Course continues the work of FRENCH 101 on understanding, speaking, reading, and writing French. Emphasis is on the vocabulary, grammar, and cultural knowledge necessary to communicate in everyday situations. Course will include work in pairs and small groups so that students will be active learners. A more in-depth knowledge of geography and history of French-speaking countries will also be covered. The course will be conducted entirely in French. Students will also be introduced to critical thinking, such as it pertains to the comparisons of different value systems. They will use various Francophone perspectives to examine, compare, and contrast issues and values such as family, holidays, religion, politics, education, children, and work, and contrast them with their own culture. (CSU, UC, AVC)

FREN 201 *INTERMEDIATE FRENCH 1*5 units**5 hours weekly***Prerequisite:** *Completion of FREN 102.*

This course is a comprehensive intermediate French program that uses culture as the organizing principle to its communicative approach in the teaching of reading, writing, listening, speaking ability and critical thinking. A variety of texts, including contemporary short stories, poems, newspapers and magazine articles, excerpts from essays and literary works will be read and discussed. Students will also see videos, sing songs, and hear short lectures. Classwork includes Web activities, reading aloud, working in groups or pairs, review of grammar and practice exercises. The major historical periods, events, cultures, and political figures of French and Francophone countries will be introduced. The course is conducted entirely in French and is intended for French majors, students studying literature or linguistics or other subjects that require more than two semesters of a foreign language, or those seeking to broaden or maintain their proficiency in French language and French and French-speaking cultures. (CSU, UC, AVC)

FREN 202 *INTERMEDIATE FRENCH 2*5 units**5 hours weekly***Prerequisite:** *Completion of FREN 201.*

This course continues to develop students' ability to read, write, speak, and comprehend French. Students will read and discuss intermediate literary and non-literary texts. Grammar will be reviewed as necessary through brief lectures and exercises. Major twentieth century French and Francophone authors will be introduced through readings and discussion. Cultural and social issues will be discussed. The course is conducted entirely in French and is intended for French majors, students studying literature or linguistics or other subjects that require more than two semesters of a foreign language, or those seeking to broaden or maintain their proficiency in French. (CSU, UC, AVC)

FREN 203 *ADVANCED FRENCH*3 units**3 hours weekly***Prerequisite:** *Completion of FREN 202.*

Reading and discussion of literary texts. Students will also read contemporary non-literary texts, such as newspapers, magazines and essays on topics of current interest. Course includes advanced vocabulary building, essay writing and critical analysis of literary and non-literary texts. The course is conducted entirely in French and is intended for French majors, students studying literature or linguistics or other subjects that require more than two semesters of a foreign language, or those seeking to broaden or maintain their proficiency in French language and French and French-speaking cultures. (CSU, UC, AVC)