

# FRENCH

## Academic Year

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Languages

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## Department Courses and Descriptions

### Introduction to French I (3)

FR 1311

Essentials of French. An introduction to the four phases of language learning: understanding, reading, speaking, and writing French, and an introduction to French culture. The course consists of two semesters. Each semester consists of two hours lecture and one hour of audio/video/writing laboratory. A laboratory fee is charged. Enrollment restricted to students with no prior experience in French. Students who have been introduced to French at home or in high school should take FR 2311 and 2312. FR 1311 is a prerequisite for FR 1312. Permission of Department Chair required.

### Introduction to French II (3)

FR 1312

Essentials of French. An introduction to the four phases of language learning: understanding, reading, speaking, and writing French, and an introduction to French culture. The course consists of two semesters. Each semester consists of two hours lecture and one hour of audio/video/writing laboratory. A laboratory fee is charged. Enrollment restricted to students with no prior experience in French. Students who have been introduced to French at home or in high school should take FR 2311 and 2312. FR 1311 is a prerequisite for FR 1312. Permission of Department Chair required.

### Second Year French I (3)

FR 2311

French language reviewed and applied to practice in composition. Course includes practice in comprehension of spoken French and guided speaking, reading, and writing activities leading to self-expression in the French language. The course consists of two semesters. Each semester consists of two hours lecture and one hour of audio/video/writing laboratory. A laboratory fee is charged. French

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## **Second Year French II (3)**

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## **Culture & Civilization of France (3)**

FR 3311

A survey of the social, political, artistic, and cultural institutions of the French people, designed to provide a better understanding of their way of life. Taught principally in French. Prerequisite: FR 2312.

## **Contemporary Culture of France (3)**

FR 3312

A study of the contemporary cultural climate, issues and concerns of France, French-speaking Africa, Quebec, and other Francophone areas of the world. Taught principally in French. Prerequisite: FR 2312

## **Introduction to French Literature (3)**

FR 3330

An introduction to the literary techniques and vocabulary needed to analyze, discuss and write about French works of prose, poetry, and drama. Taught principally in French. Prerequisite: FR 2312

## **Survey of French Literature (3)**

FR 3332

An introduction to the representative selections of French literature from the Middle Ages to the Twentieth century. Taught principally in French. Prerequisite: FR 2312

## **Advanced Communication Skill I (3)**

FR 3361

A systematic review of French grammar with principles applied to written discourse. The course will also include the analysis and discussion of written texts. Taught principally in French. Prerequisite: FR 2312

## **Advanced Communication Skills II (3)**

FR 3362

Students will focus on developing oral proficiency through the discussion of selected readings and audio-visual materials related to current events, topics of interest, and key problems and issues. Vocabulary building and writing exercises will also be a component of this course. Taught principally in French. Prerequisite: FR 2312

## **French Phonetics & Oral Discourse (3)**

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FR 3370

The principles of French phonetics and pronunciation will be studied and applied to a wide variety of oral discourse such as speeches, poetry recitation, and news briefs. Taught principally in French. Prerequisite: FR 2312

## **French Language for the Profes (3)**

FR 3381

Review of Grammar. Incorporates the language and vocabulary relating to a variety of professions such as medicine, business, law, education, and sociology so as to enable the student anticipating a career in these professions to convey his/her skills in French. Includes the principles of writing business letters, summaries, and reports. Prerequisite: FR 2312

## **Topics in French (3)**

FR 3382

Study of any one of the broad range of topics in contemporary French language, culture and civilization to include issues of the day. May be taken twice if the topic is different. Prerequisite: FR 2312.

## **19th&20th Century French Prose (3)**

FR 4321

Reading and analysis of representative authors of the period. Taught in French. Prerequisite: FR 3330 or 3332.

## **Major Works of Contem Fran Lit (3)**

FR 4332

A survey of contemporary francophone writers from Africa, the French West Indies, Quebec, Belgium, and Switzerland. Taught in French. Prerequisite: FR 3331 or 3332.

## **Main Current of French Poetry (3)**

FR 4341

A study of the prominent movements in French Poetry; reading and analysis of masterpieces of French poetry. Taught in French. Prerequisite: FR 3330 or 3332.

## **Seminar in French Lit (3)**

FR 4351

An in-depth study of the works of one author or of a theme that is treated by various authors. Taught in French. Prerequisite: FR 3330 or 3332

## **Special Topics in French Drama (3)**

FR 4362

A study of one of various periods of French drama. May be taken twice if the topic is different. Taught in French. Prerequisite: FR 3331 or 3332.

## **Principles&Issues of 2nd Langu (3)**

FR 4382

The course will include a study of the nature of language, theories of 1st and 2nd language acquisition and learning, communicative strategies, language teaching methodologies, and issues related to teaching

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foreign languages. This course should be taken just prior to doing student teaching.

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