

FRENCH - B.A.

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Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in French provides opportunity for students to study the language, literature and culture of France and Francophone countries. Students gain a respectable measure of competence in reading, writing and oral/aural skills in the French language. To help gain proficiency, students can attend a weekly French coffee hour. A conversation course sometimes involves speaking to people in France live via teleconferencing.

Students can take upper-division French courses abroad, either through Kent's own year-long program with the University of Bordeaux or with any accredited study abroad program offered by another university. Such programs may be for one semester, one academic year, or one summer. They most benefit students who have already acquired a strong command of the language here before leaving, however.

Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Freshman Students on the Kent Campus: The freshman admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon the following: cumulative grade point average, ACT and/or SAT scores, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. The Admissions Office at the Kent Campus may defer the admission of students who do not meet admissions criteria but who demonstrate areas of promise for successful college study. Deferred applicants may begin their college coursework at one of seven regional campuses of Kent State University. For more information on admissions, including additional requirements for some academic programs, visit the admissions website for new freshmen.

Freshman Students on the Regional Campuses: Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE score, or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on

international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Transfer, Transitioning and Former Students: For more information about admission criteria for transfer, transitioning and former students, please visit the admissions website.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Perform tasks at intermediate high and advanced low levels of proficiency as described by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Proficiency Guidelines. Proficiency, in ACTFL terms, is understood to describe a range of qualities rather than an absolute norm and will vary according to task type, language function, topic, skill (listening, speaking, reading, writing) and so forth.
2. Contribute to most informal and some formal conversations with sufficient accuracy, clarity and precision to convey their intended message without misrepresentation or confusion.
3. Read a wide variety of and complex texts written for native speakers of French and not edited or adapted for non-native speakers.
4. Write cohesive summaries, narratives and descriptions of a factual nature in French.
5. Demonstrate a knowledge of French history and culture and understand the diverse nature of culture throughout the ages.
6. Discuss cultural differences, distinguishing between fact, opinion and stereotypes.
7. Communicate effectively and sensitively with diverse ethnic and cultural groups.
8. View concepts, issues, events and themes from the perspectives of diverse ethnic and cultural groups.
9. Esteem diversity.
10. Maintain an ongoing assessment of their own cultural values and behaviors.

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 (or 42)
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. Students in a B.A. and/or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 42 upper-division credit hours.	

Total Credit Hour Requirement	120
Some bachelor's degrees require students to complete more than 120 credit hours.	

General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 42 upper-division credit hours)	45
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Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120
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Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Prerequisite Requirements ¹		
FR 13201	ELEMENTARY FRENCH I	
FR 13202	ELEMENTARY FRENCH II	
FR 23201	INTERMEDIATE FRENCH I	
FR 23202	INTERMEDIATE FRENCH II	
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
FR 33211	FRENCH CONVERSATION	3
FR 33212	FRENCH COMPOSITION	3
FR 33214	FRENCH COMPOSITION EXTENDED	2
FR 33215	FRENCH PHONETICS AND DICTION	3
FR 33421	FRENCH CIVILIZATION	3
MCLS 20001	GLOBAL LITERACY AND CULTURAL AWARENESS (KADL) ³	3
or MCLS 20091	VARIABLE CONTENT SEMINAR IN GLOBAL LITERACY: CASE STUDIES	
or MCLS 30420	FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND CULTURE STUDIES	
French (FR) Upper Division Elective (30000 and 40000 levels)		3
French (FR) Upper Division Electives (40000 level)		6
French Theatre, Poetry or Prose Electives, choose from the following:		6
FR 33335	INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH THEATRE (ELR) (WIC) ²	
FR 33336	INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH POETRY (ELR) (WIC) ²	
FR 33337	INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH LITERARY PROSE (ELR) (WIC) ²	
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)		9
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)		6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)		6-7
Kent Core Additional		6
College General Requirement (must be from Kent Core Basic Sciences) ⁴		3
College General Requirement (must be from Kent Core Social Science) ⁵		3

¹ Students who fulfill the language requirement in fewer than 14 credit hours as a result of starting their French studies in a course higher than FR 13201 will complete remaining credit hours with general electives. Many students begin their university studies with substantial proficiency in French and therefore, should begin their program of study with the first courses in the French major: FR 33211, FR 33212 and FR 33214. Other students may need to complete one or more of the prerequisite courses: FR 13201, FR 13202, FR 23201, FR 23202. Starting French studies in the appropriate course(s) is critical to on-time graduation. All students intending to major in French should contact a French faculty advisor in the department of Modern and Classical Language Studies for placement and advising information prior to enrolling in their first French course. Students entering the university with substantial knowledge of French should consider taking the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) through which they may receive up to 14 credit hours of university credit. Students wishing to earn credit through CLEP should take the exam several weeks prior to enrolling in their first French course to ensure eligibility, timely granting of credits and timely placement into the correct French course(s).

² A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill writing-intensive requirement.

³ MCLS 20091 may be taken with French advisor's approval. French teaching licensure candidates completing the Education minor should take MCLS 30420.

⁴ One additional course taken from the Kent Core Basic Science courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Biological Sciences (BSCI), Chemistry (CHEM), Geography (GEOG), Geology (GEOL) or Physics (PHY). The course may not be from the student's major.

⁵ One additional course taken from the Kent Core Social Sciences courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Geography (GEOG), Criminology and Justice Studies (CRIM), Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). The course may not be from the student's major.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- All students in the French major must take the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview, ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test and the French Outcomes Assessment Test, prior to being cleared for graduation. Information about the exams can be found on the ACTFL Website and the Language Testing International (LTI) website, the exclusive licensee of ACTFL.
- Some courses in the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies are offered on a rotating basis, and course availability may change at any time. Visit the department's website for course offering projections and advising with course planning.

Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
FR 33211	FRENCH CONVERSATION	3
FR 33212	FRENCH COMPOSITION	3
FR 33214	FRENCH COMPOSITION EXTENDED	2
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Two		
FR 33215	FRENCH PHONETICS AND DICTION	3
MCLS 20001	GLOBAL LITERACY AND CULTURAL AWARENESS (KADL)	3
MCLS 20091	or VARIABLE CONTENT SEMINAR IN GLOBAL LITERACY: CASE STUDIES	
MCLS 30420	or FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND CULTURE STUDIES	
French Theatre, Poetry or Prose Elective		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Three		
FR 33421	FRENCH CIVILIZATION	3
French Theatre, Poetry or Prose Elective		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
General Electives		6
Credit Hours		15
Semester Four		
French (FR) Upper Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
General Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Five		
French (FR) Upper Division Elective (40000 level)		3
College General Requirement		3
General Electives		9
Credit Hours		15
Semester Six		
French (FR) Upper Division Elective (40000 level)		3
College General Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
General Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Seven		
General Electives		15
Credit Hours		15
Semester Eight		

Note: ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview, ACTFL Written Proficiency Test and Departmental Outcomes Assessment Test should be taken in this semester.

Kent Core Requirement	3
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General Electives	9
Credit Hours	15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120