FRENCH - B.A.

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies
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About This Program

Our Bachelor of Arts in French offer a rigorous and rewarding education in French language, literature and culture. With opportunities for immersive experiences abroad and small class sizes, you'll develop strong language skills and cultural competency that will serve you well in a variety of career paths. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Foreign language and literature teachers, postsecondary

- 5.7% faster than the average
- 30,600 number of jobs
- $69,920 potential earnings

Interpreters and translators

- 20.0% much faster than the average
- 77,400 number of jobs
- $52,330 potential earnings

Secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education

- 3.8% about as fast as the average
- 1,050,800 number of jobs
- $62,870 potential earnings

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

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.

First-Year Students on the Kent Campus: First-year admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon cumulative grade point average, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. Students not admissible to the Kent Campus may be administratively referred to one of the seven regional campuses to begin their college coursework. For more information, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

First-Year Students on the Regional Campuses: First-year admission to Kent State's campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency unless they meet specific exceptions. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

Transfer Students: Students who have attended any other educational institution after graduating from high school must apply as undergraduate transfer students. For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

Former Students: Former Kent State students or graduates who have not attended another college or university since Kent State may complete the reenrollment or reinstatement form on the University Registrar's website.

Admission policies for undergraduate students may be found in the University Catalog.

Some programs may require that students meet certain requirements before progressing through the program. For programs with progression requirements, the information is shown on the Coursework tab.

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 33215	FRENCH PHONETICS AND DICTION	3
FR 33421	FRENCH CIVILIZATION	3
MCLS 20001	GLOBAL LITERACY AND CULTURAL AWARENESS (KADL) [2]	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 or 40000 level)		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) [3]	
FR 33336	INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH POETRY (ELR) (WIC) [3]	
FR 33337	INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH LITERARY PROSE (ELR) (WIC) [3]	
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	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
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours)		53
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		**120**

[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 and FR 33212. 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] MCLS 20091 may be taken with French advisor's approval. French teaching licensure candidates completing the Education minor should take MCLS 30420.

[3] A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

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.

Program Note

- 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. Please see the program coordinator or your academic advisor for course planning.

Foreign Language College Requirement, B.A.

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 14-16 credit hours of foreign language.[1]

To complete the requirement, students need the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options[2]:

1. Intermediate I and II of the same language
2. Elementary I and II of a second language
3. Any combination of two courses from the following list:

   - Intermediate I of the same language
   - ARAB 21401
   - ASL 19401
   - CHIN 25421
   - MCLS 10001
   - MCLS 20001
   - MCLS 20091
   - MCLS 21417
   - MCLS 21420
   - MCLS 22217
   - MCLS 28403
   - MCLS 28404

[1] All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may start beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and fewer courses. This may be accomplished by (1) passing a course beyond Elementary I through Intermediate II level; (2) receiving credit through one of the alternative credit programs offered by Kent State University; or (3) demonstrating language proficiency comparable to Elementary II of a foreign language. When students complete the requirement with fewer than 14 credit hours and four courses, they will complete remaining credit hours with general electives.

[2] Certain majors, concentrations and minors may require specific languages, limit the languages from which a student may choose or require coursework through Intermediate II. Students who plan to pursue graduate study may need particular language coursework.

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
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
	Credit Hours	**16**
Semester Two		
FR 33215	FRENCH PHONETICS AND DICTION	3

MCLS 20001 or MCLS 20091 or MCLS 30420	GLOBAL LITERACY AND CULTURAL AWARENESS (KADL) or VARIABLE CONTENT SEMINAR IN GLOBAL LITERACY: CASE STUDIES or FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND CULTURE STUDIES	3
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
General Electives		12
Credit Hours		**15**
Semester Six		
French (FR) Upper-Division Elective (40000 level)		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
General Electives		6
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
General Electives		11
Credit Hours		**14**
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		**120**

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.

Flashes 101 (UC 10001)	1 credit hour
Course is not required for students with 30+ transfer credits (excluding College Credit Plus) or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIV D/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 credit hours
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 credit hours
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120 credit hours

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 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 ethic 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.

Full 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.