FRENCH, B.A.

Saint Louis University's Bachelor of Arts in French program, offered by the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures (https://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/), aims to develop students’ competency in the language while increasing their knowledge of the French-speaking world.

As the living environment becomes increasingly transnational, a major in French offers an attractive asset to careers in many fields, including business, medicine, politics, law and the humanities. In addition, the major prepares students for graduate work in French by providing them with a broad range of courses in French and Francophone literature and culture.

Additional program highlights:

- We offer a wide variety of French-speaking courses, including French and International Relations, Business French, French Cinema and French and Francophone Media.
- Students can spend a year in Lyon, France. This yearlong, full-immersion program allows students to experience the country and its culture firsthand. Students will take classes in the French university system with French students and other international students. Courses fulfill requirements for French majors at SLU, and students may also have an opportunity to complete some of their core requirements while in Lyon.
- Students can also spend a semester or a year in Poitiers, France, studying at the Université de Poitiers alongside other international students and native French speakers. Courses taken in this full-immersion program may count toward the student’s major or minor in French, study in other disciplines or core requirements.
- The French experience at SLU extends beyond the classroom walls. The department offers frequent activités culturelles open to all levels and hosts a chapter of the national French honor society, Pi Delta Phi. Students can also participate in service opportunities in the St. Louis community.

Curriculum Overview

French course offerings cover all centuries of French literature and culture, Francophone and postcolonial studies, gender studies, and interdisciplinary areas such as art and literature, music and literature, cinema, cross-cultural questions, literature and the environment. Unique undergraduate offerings allow students to combine international, scientific and professional interests with French.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

Students are encouraged to enhance their major through an immersion experience in a French-speaking country. SLU students can choose from a variety of study options in French, including summer, semester and academic year programs in the cities of Lyon and Poitiers in France. SLU French majors often complete a major in another discipline (English, biology, psychology, international business, communication, etc.).

Careers

The benefits of the French program also include several career opportunities. Combining practical aspirations with the humanizing and broadening effects of language study, the undergraduate major prepares students to perform in many rewarding careers. Accessibility to faculty is a hallmark of the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures. Faculty will be happy to advise students on career options.

Career paths for French graduates include:

- Education
- International business
- Non-governmental organizations
- Foreign service
- Law
- Medicine
- Research
- Interpreting
- Cultural services planning
- Museum work
- Relocation abroad services
- Travel consultant
- Study abroad advisor

Admission Requirements

Begin Your Application (http://www.slu.edu/apply.php)

Saint Louis University also accepts the Common Application.

Freshman

All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory coursework is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file.

To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, applicants must be graduating from an accredited high school, have an acceptable HiSET exam score or take the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED.

Students who have attempted fewer than 24 semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit must follow the above freshmen admission requirements. Students who have completed 24 or more semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit must submit transcripts from all previously attended college(s).

In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the Office of Admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University. Where applicable, transfer students will be evaluated on any courses outlined in the continuation standards of their preferred major.

International Applicants

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/)
- Proof of financial support must include:
French students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours for the major regardless of whether they start at French

Major Requirements

French Foundational Course
FREN 2010 Intermediate French Language & Culture 3
Developing mastery of French in specific themes and contexts:
Select no fewer than 3 FREN 3xxx level courses (FREN 3001-3999) 9
French 4000-level Elective Courses
Select no fewer than four FREN 4xxx-level among French elective courses. 12
Additional French Elective Courses
Select no fewer than two FREN 3xxx and/or 4xxx level courses
needed to complete the 30 credits from the following:
FREN 3010 Discovering the French-Speaking World

Requirements

Scholarships and Financial Aid
There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

• Scholarships: Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
• Financial Aid: Financial aid is provided through grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

Saint Louis University makes every effort to keep our education affordable. In fiscal year 2022, 99% of first-time freshmen and 90% of all students received financial aid (https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/) and students received more than $445 million in aid University-wide.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, apply for admission by December 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit www.slu.edu/financial-aid (https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/).

Learning Outcomes
1. Graduates will be able to interact in French.
2. Graduates will be able to interpret authentic materials in French.
3. Graduates will be able compare their own cultures with cultures in which French is a dominant language.

Continuation Standards
All French major courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher in order to count and for the student to continue in the major/minor.

Graduation Requirements

• Complete a minimum of 120 credits (excluding pre-college level courses numbered below 1000).
• Complete the University Undergraduate Core curriculum requirements.
• Complete major requirements: minimum of 30 credits required.
• Complete remaining credits with a second major, minor, certificate and/or electives to reach the minimum of 120 credits required for graduation.
• Achieve at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average, a 2.00 grade point average in the major(s), and a 2.00 grade point average in the minor/certificate, or related elective credits.
• Complete department/program-specific academic and performance requirements.
• Complete at least 50% of the coursework for the major and 75% for the minor/certificate through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
• Complete 30 of the final 36 credits through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
• Complete an online degree application by the required University deadline.

Roadmap
Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

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Year Three Fall
FREN 3000-level Elective | 3
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University-CORE | 6
General Electives | 3
| Credits | 15 |

Spring
Students can also choose to spend either a semester or a year abroad in France. See Program notes.

French Elective | 3
French Elective | 3
University-CORE | 6
General Electives | 3
| Credits | 15 |

Year Four Fall
Students might need to take two or three courses for the second major, depending on whether the second major counts core courses toward the hours for the major.

French elective | 3
French elective | 3
University-CORE | 3
General Electives | 6
| Credits | 15 |

Total Credits 120-121

1 Students with prior experience in French take a placement test (SLUPE) to determine their level. See Program Notes.
2 French majors generally have a second or even third major. See Program Notes.
3 For all FREN 3000-level courses, the prerequisite is FREN 2010 or a SLUPE (placement test at SLU) with a score of 4 or 5. Students may take any FREN 3000-level courses, in any order. Students are required to take a minimum of three (3) FREN 3000-level courses. Some FREN 3000-level courses fulfill the University-CORE (Eloquentia Perfecta II-Oral and Visual Communication; Writing Intensive, among others.).
4 Many French 4000-level courses also fulfill the Global Citizenship Core Diversity requirement or the University-Core requirements.
5 French 4000-level literature courses fulfill the Core Literature Requirement.
Program Notes
The sequence of courses will vary according to the student’s previous experience with the language and individual preferences.

Students have several options to study abroad in a French-speaking country, including a one-semester program in Poitiers, France. Students also can study for a yearlong program in Lyon, France. We encourage students to finish FREN 3010 Discovering the French-Speaking World or FREN 3020 Text, Voice, & Self-Expression before studying abroad.

SLU French majors often complete a second or even a third major in another discipline — for example, political science, English, biology, psychology, international business, communication or international studies.