French Studies Major

Requirements

The French studies major is an individualized interdisciplinary major consisting of ten courses numbered FREN 1502 Intermediate French II and higher, and will normally include:

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Select a track. Sample tracks include the following:

- Track 1: French and Visual Arts (Film)/Theater
- Track 2: French and Another Related Field in the Humanities
- Track 3: French and Women's Studies
- Track 4: French and Theory
- Track 5: France and Modernity
- Track 6: France and Europe
- Track 7: Francophonie: Option A-Middle East/Maghreb, Option B-Africa, or Option C-Global

A prerequisite for all 3000-level courses.

Courses numbered lower than 1502 will not count toward the major. All French studies majors will develop an individual course of studies with concentration on a particular target area or track in close consultation with the assigned departmental French studies major adviser. A list of courses in French can be found here.

Students will be able to take courses inside and outside the department. They will be required to keep a portfolio of all their work, provide a written proposal of their unique course of study, and give a final written or oral presentation during the spring of their senior year, in which they demonstrate their independent work in the target area or track. The majority of classes will be taught in French, but up to three related courses in a target area or track may be taken in English when necessary. All such courses must be approved in advance by the French studies major adviser. To this end, students will need to provide their adviser with the course syllabus for approval prior to registering for the class.

AB and IB Credit

All courses counting towards the core language requirement and the major or the minor in a modern foreign language, literature and culture must be taken for credit and a letter grade. When AP or IB credits are awarded as equivalent to the 1502 level in a language, these credits will be applied toward the core language requirement and, as elective credits, toward graduation, but they will not be applied toward the major or the minor in that language.

Study Abroad

A maximum of four courses taken abroad for one semester and a maximum of five courses taken abroad for one year may apply toward the French studies major. These courses must be approved by the French studies major adviser prior to studying abroad.

Honors

Students who exhibit exceptional potential and intellectual curiosity and have a minimum GPA of 3.67 in the major may choose to write a senior thesis for Honors in French studies. Students should consult their French studies major adviser for advice and guidelines on this option early in their junior year.

Availability

The major in French studies is available at Fordham College at Rose Hill and Fordham College at Lincoln Center. Students in Fordham's School of Professional and Continuing Studies may major in French studies only if they receive the approval of their advising dean and/or department, and their schedules are sufficiently flexible to permit them to take day courses at the Rose Hill or Lincoln Center campuses.

Fordham College at Rose Hill students: The requirements above are in addition to those of the Core Curriculum.

Fordham College at Lincoln Center students: The requirements above are in addition to those of the Core Curriculum.

Professional and Continuing Studies students: The requirements above are in addition to those of the PCS Core Curriculum and any additional electives that may be required to earn a minimum of 124 credits.

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