



**Bachelor of Arts**

**Major: French Studies**

**2023-2024 Sample 4-Year Plan**

**Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits**

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Student Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum GPA 2.0 Minor/Career Interest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Students are not limited to this plan; it is meant to be used as a guide for planning purposes in consultation with your advisor. The sample schedule is one possible path to completing your degree within four years. For official program requirements, please refer to the [Undergraduate Catalog](#).

**First Year**

**Fall**

| Prefix + Number           | Course Title                                | Prerequisites/Comments  | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---------------------------|---|---|---------|----------|-------|
| General Elective          |   |   | 3       |          |       |
| ENGL 101                  | Composition I (SGR #1)                      | p. Placement  | 3       |          |       |
| FREN 101                  | Introductory French I (SGR #4)              | Take placement exam to determine proficiency level.<br>FREN 101 does not count towards the French Studies major | 4       | F        |       |
| AHSS 192                  | Introduction to American and Global Studies | Suggested   | 1       | F        |       |
| SGR #6                    | Natural Sciences                            |   | 3-4     |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b> |   |   | 15-16   |          |       |

**Spring**

| Prefix + Number           | Course Title                          | Prerequisites/Comments                             | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------|----------|-------|
| CMST 101                  | Foundations of Communication (SGR #2) |  | 3       |          |       |
| FREN 102                  | Introductory French II (SGR #4)       | p. FREN 101  | 4       | S        |       |
| SGR #3                    | Social Sciences                       | SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 disciplines. | 3       |          |       |
| SGR #5                    | Mathematics                           | p. Placement                                       | 3       |          |       |
| SGR #6                    | Natural Sciences                      |  | 3-4     |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b> |                                       |  | 16-17   |          |       |

**Second Year**

**Fall**

| Prefix + Number                     | Course Title            | Prerequisites/Comments                             | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------|----------|-------|
| ENGL 201                            | Composition II (SGR #1) | p. ENGL 101  | 3       |          |       |
| FREN 201                            | Intermediate French I   | p. FREN 102  | 3       | F        |       |
| Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Courses |                         | Double major encouraged.                           | 6       |          |       |
| SGR #3                              | Social Sciences         | SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 disciplines. | 3       |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>           |                         |  | 15      |          |       |

**Spring**

| Prefix + Number                     | Course Title           | Prerequisites/Comments  | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---|---------|----------|-------|
| FREN 202                            | Intermediate French II | p. FREN 201   | 3       | S        |       |
| Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Courses |                        |   | 9       |          |       |
| General Elective                    |                        | Taken as needed to reach 120 credits; 33 upper level credits. | 3       |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>           |                        |   | 15      |          |       |

**Summer**

| Prefix + Number           | Course Title           | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| FREN 310                  | French Language Skills | p. FREN 202            | 3       | Su       |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b> |                        |                        | 3       |          |       |

**Third Year**

**Fall**

| Prefix + Number                    | Course Title                  | Prerequisites/Comments  | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------|----------|-------|
| FREN 333                           | Topics in Francophone Culture | p. FREN 202   | 3       | F        |       |
| FREN Elective                      |                               | Language, culture, and professional skills elective suggested | 3       |          |       |
| Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Course |                               | 300-400 level course recommended.                             | 6       |          |       |
| General Elective                   |                               | Taken as needed to reach 120 credits; 33 upper level credits. | 3       |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>          |                               |   | 15      |          |       |

**Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.**

p. = Course Prerequisite  
Semester: F = Fall, S = Spring, SU = Summer



**Spring**

| Prefix + Number                     | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments  | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---|---------|----------|-------|
| FREN Elective                       |              | Language, Culture, and Professional Skills Elective suggested | 3       |          |       |
| Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Courses |              | 300-400 level course recommended.                             | 6       |          |       |
| General Elective                    |              | Taken as needed to reach 120 credits; 33 upper level credits. | 0-3     |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>           |              |   | 12      |          |       |

**Summer**

| Prefix + Number           | Course Title                                     | Prerequisites/Comments             | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| FREN 385/FREN 496         | Travel Study Abroad Francophone/Field Experience | Suggested study abroad experience. | 3-6     |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b> |  |                                    | 3-6     |          |       |

**Fourth Year**

**Fall**

| Prefix + Number                     | Course Title                    | Prerequisites/Comments  | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------|----------|-------|
| FREN 433                            | French Culture and Civilization | p. FREN 310   | 3       | F        |       |
| FREN Elective                       |                                 | Elective suggested to meet career goals                       | 0-3     |          |       |
| Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Courses |                                 | 300-400 level course recommended.                             | 6       |          |       |
| General Elective                    |                                 | Taken as needed to reach 120 credits; 33 upper level credits. | 3-9     |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>           |                                 |   | 15      |          |       |

**Spring**

| Prefix + Number                     | Course Title                        | Prerequisites/Comments  | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------|----------|-------|
| FREN Elective                       |                                     | Language, culture, and professional skills elective suggested | 0-3     |          |       |
| Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Courses |                                     | 300-400 level course recommended.                             | 6       |          |       |
| General Elective                    |                                     | Taken as needed to reach 120 credits; 33 upper level credits. | 3-6     |          |       |
| GLST 489                            | Capstone Intercultural Competencies | Capstone  | 3       | S        |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>           |                                     |   | 15      |          |       |

**Comments/Notes**

Students from all academic majors can pursue graduation with Fishback Honors College distinction. View the [Honors program requirements](#).

As part of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, students in this program must complete/earn:

- a minimum of 33 upper division credits (300-400 level courses)
- a capstone course in the major
- a minor, second major, or teaching specialization
- 6+ credits of Modern Foreign Language coursework, including completion of the 202-Level

As part of the French Studies major, students in this program must complete:

- Major Requirements 22 credits
  - FREN 102 - Introductory French II - 4 Credits
  - FREN 201 - Intermediate French I - 3 Credits
  - FREN 202 - Intermediate French II - 3 Credits
  - FREN 310 - French Language Skills - 3 Credits
  - FREN 333 - Topics in Francophone Culture – 3 Credits
  - FREN 433 - French Culture and Civilization – 3 Credit
  - GLST 489 - Capstone Intercultural Competencies – 3 Credits (Capstone)
- Major Electives 14 credits  
Language, Culture, and Professional Skills. Select from the following courses.
  - FREN 211 - Intermediate Oral Practice I – 2-3 Credits
  - FREN 350 - Business Communications in French – 3 Credits
  - FREN 353 - Exploring Literature in French – 3 Credits
  - FREN 392 - Topics – 3 Credits
  - FREN 385 - Travel Study Abroad Francophone – 1-6 Credits
  - FREN 491 - Independent Study – 1-3 Credits
  - FREN 492 - Topics -1-3 Credits
  - FREN 496 - Field Experience – 1-6 Credits
- Additional credits from travel or field experience. Majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad in a French-speaking country.

Testing into a higher-level language course may reduce time to graduation. To begin coursework above the 101 level, take the free modern language placement test at <https://www.sdstate.edu/school-american-and-global-studies/language-placement-information> Students with any modern language experience are strongly encouraged to complete the placement test.