FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE - French



College of Arts and Sciences • Department of Foreign Languages and Literature

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Foreign Languages and Literature, French Specialization
- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Foreign Languages and Literature, Secondary Education Teacher Certification in French

French at SIUE

Studying another language opens a whole new world of opportunity. Learning the language of another country gives you the opportunity to understand people who, on the surface, may seem different from you. In fact, if you could understand them, you might find that they are more similar to you than you realize. While some people mistakenly believe that "everyone speaks English," obviously this statement is not true. To be sure, millions of people throughout the world may have a superficial knowledge of English, which allows for limited and rudimentary communication. However, in order to truly gain insight into different cultures, to develop intercultural understanding, to be able to sensitively handle issues concerning diversity, it is essential to learn a foreign language. It prepares you to be successful in the global marketplace. It enables you to visit another country and communicate with its citizens. It increases your global understanding and your ability to contribute to world peace. It gives you the opportunity to enjoy and appreciate ethnic festivals and celebrations in your home country and abroad. Ultimately, it gives you the ability to enrich your life by increasing your exposure to and appreciation for all the other "worlds" out there.

Career Opportunities

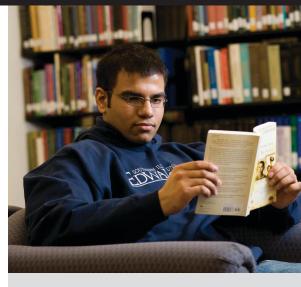
The global awareness and cultural understanding acquired through learning a second language will serve students well in the 21st century. College graduates with knowledge of one or more foreign languages will enjoy a competitive edge in the multicultural workforce in most professions in the United States, in most branches of the federal government, and in teaching at all levels. They also will find rewarding careers in international business, including import and export trade, translator, and consultant positions. Salaries are competitive, and travel opportunities often are an exciting job benefit.

Admission Requirements

Students wishing to declare a major must satisfy the following requirements:

- Complete all Academic Development courses required by the University.
- Complete any required courses to address high school deficiencies.
- Achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 in courses completed at SIUE.

All incoming students with one year or more of high school foreign language study are required to take a placement test prior to enrolling in any course in that same language at SIUE. There is no charge for the test, and students may earn up to 16 hours of proficiency credit in accordance with University and departmental policies. These credits can give you a head start on a major or minor in a world language by starting at a more advanced level, assist you in a double major, or help you complete your major or minor early.



Faculty

Belinda Carstens-Wickham, PhD 1980, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

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Sample Four-Year Curriculum- Bachelor of Arts, Foreign Languages and Literature - French

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FR 101 - Elementary French I (BICS) FR 102 - Elementary French II (EGC) 4 ENG 101 - English Composition I 3 ENG 102 - English Composition II 3 FL 111a or FL 111e - Intro to Foreign Studies (BHUM) 3 RA 101 - Reasoning & Argumentation 3 Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA) 3 QR 101 - Quantitative Reasoning 3 3 Social Science (BSS) 3 SPC 101 or 103 16 16 Total FR 201 - Intermediate French I 4 FR 202 - Intermediate French II 4 3 3 Life Science (BLS) Physical Science (BPS) 3 3 Elective Elective 3 Health Experience (EH) United States Cultures (EUSC) 3 Lab Experience (EL) 3 Elective 3 Total 16 Total 16 FR 301 - Advanced French 4 3 FR 352 - Survey of French Literature FR 351 - Survey of French Literature (BHUM) 3 French Elective (300-400 level) 3 Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) 3 Elective 3 Fine & Performing Arts or Humanities 3 Elective 3 Elective 3 Elective 3 Total 16 15 Total FR 400a - Senior Essay 2 2 FR 400b - Senior Essay French Elective (300-400 level) French Elective (300-400 level) 3 French Elective (300-400 level) 3 Elective 3 3 3 Elective Elective Elective 3 Elective 4 Total Total

TRANSFER STUDENTS Maximize your transfer experience - complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer **AND** satisfy either the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Transfer Credit Equivalency Guides are located at **siue.edu/transfer**

In order to be admitted into the teacher certification program, students must have:

- Received a grade of C or above in **ENG 101** and **ENG 102**
- Completed 43 semester hours of course credit and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher (this includes work at other institutions)
- Successfully completed the introductory course CI 200
- Passed the ICTS Test of Academic Proficiency (formerly known as the Basic Skills Test.) Information about this test is available at www.icts.nesinc.com

Graduation Requirements

For majors and minors in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, credit is allowed for only those courses in which grades of C or better are earned. A "B" (3.0) average in the major is required for Teacher certification (K-12).

Other Foreign Language Programs at SIUE

• German

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• Spanish

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