MINOR IN FRENCH STUDIES

Program Learning Outcomes for the Minor in French Studies

Upon completing the minor in French Studies, students will be able to:

1. Communicate fluently in spoken and written French at an advanced level, as indicated by the ability to: understand spoken French, converse in French, critically read and translate French texts, and write in multiple genres in French.
2. Achieve the cultural literacy necessary for studying abroad or practicing internationally-based professions by demonstrating an understanding of the major social, cultural, and political stakes of the French and Francophone world, past and present.
3. Understand French language and culture not as isolated geographic phenomena, but in the wider context of multicultural exchange and globalization.

Requirements for the Minor in French Studies

Students pursuing the minor in French Studies must complete:

- A minimum of 6 courses (18 credit hours) to satisfy minor requirements.
- A minimum of 4 courses (12 credit hours) taken at the 300-level or above.
- A maximum of 2 courses (6 credit hours) from study abroad or transfer credit. For additional departmental guidelines regarding transfer credit, see the Policies (p. 1) tab.
- A minimum minor GPA of 2.00 or higher in all coursework that satisfies requirements for the minor.

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this minor. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the minor's academic advisor or, where applicable, the Program Director. (Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the minor's Official Certifier (https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/)). Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

Summary

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours Required for the Minor in French Studies		18

Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Requirements		
Select 1 course from the following:		*3*
FREN 301	GRAMMAR AND CULTURAL LITERACY	
FREN 302	WRITING IN FRENCH CONTEXTS	
FREN 300	FRENCH IN ACTION: DEVELOPING INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION COMPETENCE [1, 5]	
or FREN 306	FRENCH SOCIETY AND LANGUAGE USE	
FREN 307	THE MANY FACETS OF FRENCH CULTURAL IDENTITY	
Select 1 course from the following: [2]		*3*
FREN 311	MIDDLE AGES TO ENLIGHTENMENT	
FREN 312	THE FRENCH REVOLUTION TO WWII	
FREN 313	THE FRANCOPHONE WORLD	
FREN 314	CONTEMPORARY FRENCH SOCIETY	
Elective Requirements		
Select 4 elective courses from departmental (FREN) course offerings [2, 3, 4]		*12*
Total Credit Hours		**18**

Footnotes and Additional Information

1 Students participating in the Rice in France program may count FREN 306 as an Elective Requirement number 320 or above, allowing both FREN 300 and FREN 306 to fulfill minor requirements.

2 Courses not used to fulfill the Core Requirements may be taken to fulfill Elective Requirements. The same course may not be used to satisfy more than one requirement for this minor.

3 A maximum of 1 course (3 credit hours) may be taken in departmental (FREN) course offerings **taught in English** to fulfill minor requirements. Departmental (FREN) course offerings taught in English include the following:

- FREN 250,
- FREN 308/AAAS 312,
- FREN 324/POLI 324/RELI 476,
- FREN 325,
- FREN 337,
- FREN 355,
- FREN 402, and
- FREN 478/ARCR 478.

Please note: courses taught in English *outside* departmental (FREN) course offerings will ***not*** fulfill minor requirements.

4 A maximum of 2 elective courses (6 credit hours) may be taken from coursework at the 200-level (courses numbered 200-299).

5 Students participating in the Rice in France program may count FREN 306 as an Elective Requirement, allowing both FREN 300 and FREN 306 to fulfill minor requirements

Policies for the Minor in French Studies

Program Restrictions and Exclusions

Students pursuing the minor in French Studies should be aware of the following program restriction:

- As noted in Majors, Minors, and Certificates (https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/majors-minors-certificates/), i.) students may declare their intent to pursue a minor only after they have first declared a major, and ii.) students may not major and minor in the same subject.
- Students pursuing the major in French Studies may not additionally declare the minor in French Studies.

Transfer Credit

For Rice University's policy regarding transfer credit, see Transfer Credit (https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. Requests for transfer credit

must be approved for Rice equivalency by the designated transfer credit advisor for the appropriate academic department offering the Rice equivalent course (corresponding to the subject code of the course content). The Office of Academic Advising maintains the university's official list of transfer credit advisors (https://oaa.rice.edu/advising-network/transfer-credit-advisors/) on their website: https://oaa.rice.edu. Students are encouraged to meet with the applicable transfer credit advisor as well as their academic program director when considering transfer credit possibilities.

Departmental Transfer Credit Guidelines

Students pursuing the minor in French Studies should be aware of the following departmental transfer credit guideline:

- No more than 2 courses (6 credit hours) of transfer credit from U.S. or international universities of similar standing as Rice may apply towards the minor.

Distribution Credit Information

The determination of distribution credit eligibility is done initially as part of the new course creation process (https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/courseprocess/). Additionally, as part of an annual roll call (https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/distribution_credit/) coordinated each Spring by the Office of the Registrar, course distribution credit eligibility is routinely reviewed and reaffirmed by the Dean's Offices of each of the academic schools.

Faculty and leadership in the academic schools are responsible for ensuring that the courses identified as distribution-credit-eligible meet the criteria as set in the General Announcements (https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text). Students are responsible for ensuring that they meet graduation requirements (https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text) by completing coursework designated as distribution-credit-eligible at the time of course registration.

Distribution courses from the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures, and Cultures are broad in theme and scope and provide students with a substantial inquiry into literature, art, media, history, thought, and/or politics, including specific national traditions, linguistic contexts, and historical periods. Such courses involve a broad and often interdisciplinary spectrum of knowledge, providing students with the tools for thinking critically about the formation of modern culture, its colonial past, and its national and linguistic traditions from antiquity to the present.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures, and Cultures website: https://cultures.rice.edu (https://cultures.rice.edu/)/.

Opportunities for the Minor in French Studies

Academic Honors

The university recognizes academic excellence achieved over an undergraduate's academic history at Rice. For information on university honors, please see Latin Honors (https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/) (*summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *cum laude*) and Distinction in Research and Creative Work (https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

Additional Information

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