

# FRENCH - B.A.

## College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies  
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## About This Program

Our Bachelor of Arts in French offers a rigorous and rewarding education in French language, literature and culture. With opportunities for immersive experiences abroad and small class sizes, you will develop strong language skills and cultural competency that will serve you well in a variety of career paths. Read more...

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## Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Kent Campus

## Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries\*

### Foreign language and literature teachers, postsecondary

- 5.7% faster than the average
- 30,600 number of jobs
- \$69,920 potential earnings

### Interpreters and translators

- 20.0% much faster than the average
- 77,400 number of jobs
- \$52,330 potential earnings

### Secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education

- 3.8% about as fast as the average
- 1,050,800 number of jobs
- \$62,870 potential earnings

\* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

## Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students.

**First-Year Students on the Kent Campus:** First-year admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon cumulative grade point average, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. Students not admissible to the Kent Campus may be administratively referred to one of the seven regional campuses to begin their college coursework. For more information, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

**First-Year Students on the Regional Campuses:** First-year admission to Kent State's campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

**International Students:** All international students must provide proof of proficiency of the English language (unless they meet specific exceptions) through the submission of an English language proficiency test score or by completing English language classes at Kent State's English as a Second Language Center before entering their program. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

**Former Students:** Former Kent State students who have not attended another institution since Kent State and were not academically dismissed will complete the re-enrollment process through the Financial, Billing and Enrollment Center. Former students who attended another college or university since leaving Kent State must apply for admissions as a transfer or post-undergraduate student.

**Transfer Students:** Students who attended an educational institution after graduating from high school or earning their GED must apply as transfer students. For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

Admission policies for undergraduate students may be found in the University Catalog's Academic Policies.

Students may be required to meet certain criteria to progress in their program. Any progression requirements will be listed on the program's Coursework tab

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)</b>		
FR 13201	ELEMENTARY FRENCH I <sup>1</sup>	4
FR 13202	ELEMENTARY FRENCH II <sup>1</sup>	4
FR 23201	INTERMEDIATE FRENCH I <sup>1</sup>	3
FR 23202	INTERMEDIATE FRENCH II <sup>1</sup>	3
FR 33211	FRENCH CONVERSATION	3
FR 33212	FRENCH COMPOSITION	3
FR 33335	INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH THEATRE (ELR) (WIC) <sup>2</sup>	3
or FR 33336	INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH POETRY (ELR) (WIC)	
or FR 33337	INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH LITERARY PROSE (ELR) (WIC)	

FR 33421	FRENCH CIVILIZATION	3
French (FR) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level)		9
French (FR) Upper-Division Elective (40000 level)		3
Cultural Literacy Elective, choose from the following:		3
MCLS 20001	GLOBAL LITERACY AND CULTURAL AWARENESS (KADL)	
MCLS 20091	VARIABLE CONTENT SEMINAR IN GLOBAL LITERACY: CASE STUDIES	
MCLS 30420	FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND CULTURE STUDIES <sup>3</sup>	
Any Modern and Classical Language Studies (MCLS) Upper-Division course (30000 or 40000 level)		
<b>Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)</b>		
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)		9
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)		6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)		6-7
Kent Core Additional		6
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours)		42
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>120</b>

- <sup>1</sup> Students with prior knowledge of French may be able to fulfill one or more of the prerequisite courses through an Alternative Credit option. Students may also fulfill one or more of the prerequisite courses by starting in a higher level course than FR 13201 and applying for a proficiency waiver as outlined in the Foreign Language Placement policy. Students can make up the credit hours for any waived courses with general electives or apply the credit hours to a second academic program.
- <sup>2</sup> A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.
- <sup>3</sup> Students seeking K-12 teaching licensure through the Education minor should take MCLS 30420.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- All students in the French major must take the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview, ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test and French Outcomes Assessment Test prior to being cleared for graduation. Information about the exams can be found on the ACTFL Website and Language Testing International (LTI) website, the exclusive licensee of ACTFL.

Program Note

- Some courses in the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies are offered on a rotating basis, and course availability may change at any time. Students should see the program coordinator or academic advisor for course planning.

Foreign Language College Requirement, B.A.

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete the following:

1. Elementary I and II of any language (or equivalent) **and**
2. One of the following options:
  - a. Intermediate I and II of the same language
  - b. Elementary I and II of a second language
  - c. Any combination of two courses from the following list:
    - i. Intermediate I of the same language
    - ii. One to two college-level course(s) completed outside the United States
    - iii. Courses: ARAB 21401, ASL 19401, CHIN 25421, MCLS 10001, MCLS 20001, MCLS 20091, MCLS 21417, MCLS 21420, MCLS 22217, MCLS 28403, MCLS 28404

All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may start beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer courses. This may be accomplished in one of three ways:

1. Passing a course beyond Elementary I through Intermediate II level
2. Receiving credit through one of the alternative credit programs offered by Kent State University
3. Demonstrating language proficiency comparable to Elementary II of a foreign language

Certain programs may require specific languages, limit the languages from which a student may choose or require coursework through Intermediate II. Students who plan to pursue graduate study may need a particular language proficiency.

Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
FR 13201	ELEMENTARY FRENCH I	4
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Cultural Literacy Elective		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
Semester Two		
FR 13202	ELEMENTARY FRENCH II	4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
Semester Three		
FR 23201	INTERMEDIATE FRENCH I	3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Semester Four		
FR 23202	INTERMEDIATE FRENCH II	3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3

General Electives	6
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Five</b>	
FR 33212 FRENCH COMPOSITION	3
French (FR) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level)	6
General Electives	6
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Six</b>	
FR 33211 FRENCH CONVERSATION	3
FR 33335 INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH THEATRE (ELR)	3
or FR 33336 (WIC)	
or FR 33337 or INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH POETRY (ELR)	
(WIC)	
or INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH LITERARY PROSE (ELR) (WIC)	
French (FR) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)	3
General Electives	6
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Seven</b>	
FR 33421 FRENCH CIVILIZATION	3
French (FR) Upper-Division Elective (40000 level)	3
General Electives	9
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Eight</b>	
Note: ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview, ACTFL Written Proficiency Test and French Outcomes Assessment Test should be taken during this semester.	
General Electives	15
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>120</b>

## University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

**NOTE:** University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Flashes 101 (UC 10001)	1 credit hour
Course is not required for students with 30+ transfer credits (excluding College Credit Plus) or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37 credit hours
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 credit hours
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120 credit hours

## Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCOMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>36-37</b>

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Perform tasks at intermediate-high and advanced-low levels of proficiency as described by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Proficiency Guidelines. Proficiency, in ACTFL terms, is understood to describe a range of qualities rather than an absolute norm and will vary according to task type, language function, topic, skill (listening, speaking, reading, writing) and so forth.
2. Contribute to most informal and some formal conversations with sufficient accuracy, clarity and precision to convey their intended message without misrepresentation or confusion.
3. Read a wide variety of and complex texts written for native speakers of French and not edited or adapted for non-native speakers.
4. Write cohesive summaries, narratives and descriptions of a factual nature in French.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of French history and culture and understand the diverse nature of culture throughout the ages.
6. Discuss cultural differences, distinguishing between fact, opinion and stereotypes.
7. Communicate effectively and sensitively with diverse ethnic and cultural groups.
8. View concepts, issues, events and themes from the perspectives of diverse ethnic and cultural groups.
9. Esteem diversity.
10. Maintain an ongoing assessment of their own cultural values and behaviors.

## Program Policies

### Foreign Language Requirements

In general, students may elect any foreign language taught through the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies. However, certain majors, concentrations and minors require specific languages or limit the languages from which students may choose. In addition, students who plan to pursue graduate study may need particular languages for that study. In such cases, students should seek the advice of the appropriate department before selecting a language.

### Progress Toward Fulfillment

College of Arts and Sciences students are encouraged to begin meeting the foreign language requirement as early as possible in their program to ensure timely degree completion.

## Mandatory Outcomes Assessment

In addition to the other General Requirements of the college, candidates for an undergraduate degree in the College of Arts and Sciences are required, as a condition of graduation, to participate in an outcomes assessment. These outcomes assessments are conducted by each undergraduate degree program in the College of Arts and Sciences.

## Full Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in French provides opportunities for students to study the language, literature and culture of France and Francophone countries. Students gain a respectable measure of competence in reading, writing and oral/aural skills in the French language. To help gain proficiency, students can attend a weekly French coffee hour.

Students can take upper-division French courses abroad, either through Kent's own program with the Paris Institute or with any accredited study abroad program offered by another university. Such programs may be for one semester, one academic year or one summer. However, they most benefit students who have already acquired a strong command of the language here before leaving.