Planning For Your French Major, Second Major, and Minor

Welcome to French Studies at UNM. Whether you are a freshman beginning your study of French, have taken French in high school or lived in a French-speaking country, or if French is your mother tongue or second language, we have a plan of study to guide you towards your French major, help you succeed, and meet your academic goals. Courses are sequenced in order to ensure progression from the acquisition of basic language skills towards advanced grammar and composition classes, and on to the more complex analytical skills needed for the study of culture and literature. Please note that the plans are intended as guidelines, and that you should consult with the Undergraduate Advisor of French in order to construct the course of study that best fits your needs, interests, and time-line towards graduation. Credits earned from summer classes and during study abroad may also change your plan of study. For a complete list of courses in French, review the Course Catalog (http://catalog.unm.edu/catalogs/2014-2015/colleges/arts-sciences/foreign-lang-lit/french-program.html). Make sure you understand the total number of credits needed for the French major and second major, as well as all course requirements. Not all elective courses are offered during the terms indicated. Unless stated otherwise, all courses are taught in French. The higher the language level at which you place as a freshman, the greater your flexibility in planning your course of study towards the major, second major, or major with honors.

This document is divided into the following sections:

A. Requirements for the major, second major, and minor (also available on the Course Catalog at the following link: http://catalog.unm.edu/catalogs/2014-2015/colleges/arts-sciences/foreign-lang-lit/french-program.html).

B. A link to a broad four-year degree plan for the French major, available at http://degrees.unm.edu

C. The recommended sequence of French courses.

D. A guide to French pre-requisites.

E. 5 specific plans of study towards a major, second major, or honors degree in French, tailored to the level at which you start your study of French at UNM. Note that the inclusion of a time-line towards an honors degree only bears the value of a recommendation. While not all majors and second majors will seek honors, it is important to indicate the time-frame within which such a goal may be attained.

A. Requirements for the Major, Second Major, and Minor

Major Study Requirements
Thirty credit hours in French courses numbered above 300, including 301, 302, 305, 310, 315, 415, and 485. One content-appropriate Comparative Literature course may be counted, but no more than two courses in translation are permissible.

Second Major Study Requirements
Students who present two majors (French and another field) are required to take 24 credit hours in French courses numbered above 300, including 301, 302, and 305. One content-appropriate Comparative Literature course may be counted, but no more than two courses in translation are
permissible. Students wishing to present an honors thesis with their second major must consult the French advisor to ensure an appropriate selection of courses.

**Minor Study Requirements**
Fifteen credit hours of French courses numbered above 300, including 301 and 302.

*Note that for all courses required to complete the major, second major, or minor, you should present a grade of C or better.*

**Lower-Division and Upper-Division French**
All beginning students should enroll in *Elementary French* (101 or 175), which provides a foundation in reading, writing, listening and speaking for all subsequent courses. Students who have taken French previously should consult with the lower-division coordinator for accurate placement. The department offers an intensive language sequence (175 and 276) for 6 credit hours per semester. At the end of two semesters, students have completed the equivalent of 101, 102, 201 and 202 and are prepared to enter the third-year speaking, composition, and pronunciation sequence (301, 302, and 305). This advanced language sequence prepares students to take introductory literature and culture courses (310 and 315), after which they may take advanced seminars in French (385, 415, and 485).

**French Pre-requisites**
Pre-requisites may be waived by permission of the instructor. If you do not have the pre-requisites for a course that you wish to take, please contact the instructor and/or the Undergraduate Advisor of French. S/he will evaluate your case and counsel you appropriately.

**B. Four-Year Degree Plan**
For a broad, general map to a degree (major and second major) in French, consult the following links: [http://degrees.unm.edu/undergrad_programs/522](http://degrees.unm.edu/undergrad_programs/522) and [http://degrees.unm.edu/undergrad_programs/522/degree_plans](http://degrees.unm.edu/undergrad_programs/522/degree_plans)

**C. Recommended Sequence of Upper-level French Courses**

**Courses taught in French:**
As a rule of thumb, you should take French 301 before 302; 301 and 302 before you take 310 and 315; and either 310 or 315 before you take 415 and 485. 305 may be taken concurrently with 301 and 302. French 307 may be taken concurrently with any 300 level course beyond 301. When 365 and 385 are taught in French, you should take either 310 or 315 before signing up for them.

*Contact your instructor if you need to take courses taught in French out of sequence. S/he will determine your level of preparation for a particular course and counsel you accordingly.*

**Courses taught in English:**
335 may be taken concurrently with 301, 302, and 305. When 365 and 385 are taught in English, you may take them concurrently with 301 and 302.
D. Guide to French Pre-requisites

Pre-requisites may be waived by permission of the instructor. If you do not have the pre-requisites for a course that you wish to take, please contact the instructor and/or the Undergraduate Advisor of French. S/he will evaluate your case and counsel you appropriately.

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Courses taught in English

Courses normally taught in English (French 335, French 365, and French 432) do not have pre-requisites.

E. Plans of Study

1. You are starting language study in French during your first semester at UNM:

   Term 1: French 101
   Term 2: French 102
   Term 3: French 201
   Term 4: French 202 and 203 (recommended)
   Term 5: French 301 and 305
   Term 6: French 302 and 365 (if offered in English)
   Term 7: French 310 and 335 (offered in English)
   Term 8: French 315 and 385
   Term 9: French 485 and 300/400 level elective
   Term 10: French 415 and 300/400 level elective

Recommendation: A second major or minor may be your best option.
2. You are starting language study in French during your first semester at UNM and opt for intensive language training:

Term 1: French 175  
Term 2: French 276 and 203 (recommended)  
Term 3: French 301 and 305  
Term 4: French 302 and 335 (offered in English) or 365 (if offered in English)  
Term 5: French 310 and 307 or 385  
Term 6: French 315 and 365 (offered in English or French) or 385  
Term 7: French 485 and 300/400 level elective  
Term 8: French 415 and 300/400 level elective

**Recommendation: You should definitely consider a major or second major in French.**

3. You have studied French in high school, and have placed into 201-202 during your first semester at UNM:

Term 1: French 201  
Term 2: French 202  
Term 3: French 301 and 203 (recommended)  
Term 4: French 302 and 305  
Term 5: French 310 and 307 or 335 (offered in English)  
Term 6: French 315 or 365 (offered in French or English) or 385. **Consider and apply for Honors**  
Term 7: French 485 and/or 300/400 level elective. If admitted to and enrolled in Honors, add 498 (Reading and Research for Honors)  
Term 8: French 415 and/or 300/400 level elective. If enrolled in Honors, add 499 (Honors Essay)  

**Recommendation: You should consider a major, a second major, or an honors degree.**

4. You have studied French in high school, have placed into 201-202 during your first semester at UNM, and wish to pursue intensive language study:

Term 1: French 276  
Term 2: French 301 and 203 (recommended)  
Term 3: French 302 and 305  
Term 4: French 310 and 307 or 335 (offered in English)  
Term 5: French 315 and 365 (offered in French or English) or 385  
Term 6: French 485 and/or 300/400/500 level elective. **Consider and apply for Honors**  
Term 7: French 415 and/or 300/400/500 level elective. If admitted to and enrolled in Honors, add 498 (Reading and Research for Honors)  
Term 8: French 499 (Honors Essay)  

**Recommendation: You should consider a major, a second major, or an honors degree.**
5. You have studied French in high school, have lived in a French-speaking country, and have placed into 301 during your first semester at UNM:

Term 1: French 301  
Term 2: French 302 and 305  
Term 3: French 310 and 307 or 335 (taught in English)  
Term 4: French 315 and 365 (taught in French or English) or 385  
Term 5: French 485 and 300/400/500 level elective  
Term 6: French 415 and 300/400/500 level elective. Consider and apply for Honors  
Term 7: French 498 (Reading and Research for Honors)  
Term 8: French 499 (Honors Essay)

Recommendation: You should consider a major, a second major, or an honors degree.