

# French

The International Languages Department offers French courses that build strong communication skills, cultural understanding, and real-world language use. French study enhances speaking, listening, reading, and writing abilities while fostering intercultural awareness. It also strengthens applications to competitive programs in fields where multilingual communication is vital, such as healthcare, education, social services, international relations, and law enforcement. A degree or Certificate of Achievement in French supports careers in education, healthcare, international business, diplomacy, media, community outreach, and translation and interpretation.

French courses fulfill general education humanities requirements under the Cal-GETC transfer pathway and support UC-bound students, where proficiency in a Language Other Than English (LOTE) is a graduation requirement. There are UC and CSU majors that also require additional language study. Students can often meet these requirements at the community college level, saving time, tuition, and units. All French language courses at MiraCosta are Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC). French 121 (Introduction to French Culture) is Low Textbook Cost (LTC).

*Note: Students educated in a non-English speaking country through high school or equivalent will generally not earn lower-division transfer credit in their language at most universities. Students who might be affected by this rule should consult a counselor and/or the International Languages department chair before enrolling in their courses.*

## Academic and Career Pathway

Languages, Communication, and Humanities (<https://www.miracosta.edu/academics/degree-and-certificate-programs/languages-communication-and-humanities/>)

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## Full-Time Faculty

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## Associate Degrees

### Associate in Arts Degree

#### French

The French program offers lower-division preparation for students who plan on transferring to pursue a bachelor's degree in French. Students planning to transfer and/or earn this associate degree may also need to complete additional requirements or electives required by the transfer institution, as many CSUs and UCs have unique admissions and preparation-for-the-major requirements. Students should meet with a MiraCosta College counselor to identify required courses and to develop a written plan for their targeted university.

#### Graduation Requirements

- ▶ Complete a minimum of 60 degree-applicable units of credit (including major and general education courses).
- ▶ Complete all courses required in the major with a "C" or "P" or better.
- ▶ Complete a general education pattern of courses (see Associate Degrees (<https://catalog.miracosta.edu/degreecertificate-transferinfo/requirements/>)).
- ▶ Obtain a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- ▶ Complete a minimum of 12 units in residence at MiraCosta College.

#### Program Student Learning Outcome

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to effectively communicate in the French language, demonstrating an understanding of cultural differences as related to personal and cultural topics as well as social issues.

#### Course Requirements

Required courses:		
FREN 101	Elementary French (First Semester) *	4
FREN 102	Elementary French (Second Semester)	4
FREN 201	Intermediate French (Third Semester)	4
FREN 202	Intermediate French (Fourth Semester)	4
List A. Select one course (3-4 units):		3-4
Students placing out of FREN 101, FREN 102, FREN 201, or FREN 202 by departmental approval, prerequisite satisfaction, or Advanced Placement scores shall use additional courses from List A to earn a total of 18 semester units in the major (Title 5, section 55063).		
ART 259	History of Renaissance to Modern Art	
COMM 215	Intercultural Communication	
FREN 121	Introduction to French Culture	
ITAL 101	Elementary Italian (First Semester)	
ITAL 102	Elementary Italian (Second Semester)	
SPAN 101	Elementary Spanish (First Semester)	
SPAN 102	Elementary Spanish (Second Semester)	

**Total Units** **19-20**

\* Students who have completed two years of high school French or who demonstrate proficiency do not need to enroll

in FREN 101 and can start with FREN 102. Units awarded for AP exams will be based on the minimum semester admission units for all California State University (CSU) campuses as determined by the CSU and referenced in the AP chart (<https://catalog.miracosta.edu/advancedplacementguide/>).

Certificate of Achievement

French

This certificate provides students with a solid introduction to French language skills and to important features of French and Francophone culture. Completion of the certificate benefits students who are interested in learning about and effectively interacting with French culture and society. Students take the required language courses in the given sequence.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to do the following:

- ▶ Communicate in the French language at the Intermediate High level of ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages).
- ▶ Demonstrate awareness and appreciation of cultural differences of within French speaking communities.

Course Requirements

Required courses:		
FREN 101	Elementary French (First Semester)	4
FREN 102	Elementary French (Second Semester)	4
FREN 201	Intermediate French (Third Semester)	4
FREN 202	Intermediate French (Fourth Semester)	4
Total Units		16

**NOTE:** Students placing out of a course by prerequisite satisfaction should consult with the department to substitute another course for completion of the certificate.

Courses

FREN 101: Elementary French (First Semester)

Units: 4  
Prerequisites: None  
Enrollment Limitation: Not open to students with prior credit in FREN 102, FREN 201, or FREN 202.  
Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC  
Lecture 3.50 hours, laboratory 1.50 hours.  
Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer

This introductory course develops French language acquisition through listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It covers basic French pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar. The course also provides for increased awareness of the Francophone world's history, geography, and customs, including its socio-political practices and cultural artifacts. This course corresponds to the first two years of high school French.

FREN 102: Elementary French (Second Semester)

Units: 4  
Prerequisites: FREN 101 or two years of high school French with a "C" or better.  
Enrollment Limitation: Not open to students with prior credit in FREN 201 or FREN 202.  
Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC  
Lecture 3.50 hours, laboratory 1.50 hours.  
Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

This course continues to develop French language acquisition through listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It reviews and expands upon the vocabulary and grammatical structures introduced in FREN 101, and it develops the student's ability to engage in casual conversation, express opinions, and make suggestions in French. The course also provides for increased awareness of the francophone world's history, geography, and customs, including its socio-political practices and cultural artifacts. This course corresponds to the third year of high school French.

FREN 121: Introduction to French Culture

Units: 3  
Prerequisites: None  
Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC  
Lecture 3 hours.  
Course Typically Offered: Fall, Summer

This course introduces students of French to various aspects of French and Francophone culture and civilization. Areas of study include history, music, literature, philosophy, political ideas, customs, and France's influence in the Americas, Africa, and Asia. The course examines the present and future of the Francophone world in general and does not require prior study of the French language or culture.

FREN 201: Intermediate French (Third Semester)

Units: 4  
Prerequisites: FREN 102 or three years of high school French with a "C" or better.  
Enrollment Limitation: Not open to students with prior credit in FREN 202.  
Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC  
Lecture 3.50 hours, laboratory 1.50 hours.  
Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

This course continues to develop French language acquisition through listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It reviews and expands upon the vocabulary and grammatical structures introduced in FREN 101 and 102, and it develops the student's ability to engage in casual conversation, express opinions, and make suggestions in French. The course also provides for increased awareness of the French-speaking world's history, geography, and customs, including its socio-political practices and cultural artifacts. This course corresponds to the fourth year of high school French.

**FREN 202: Intermediate French (Fourth Semester)**

Units: 4

Prerequisites: FREN 201 or four years of high school French with a "C" or better.

Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Lecture 3.50 hours, laboratory 1.50 hours.

Course Typically Offered: Spring

This course continues to develop French language acquisition through listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It reviews and expands upon the vocabulary and grammatical structures introduced in FREN 201. It also develops the student's ability to express opinions and make recommendations in French-language debates and discussions. The course provides for increased awareness of the French-speaking world's history, geography, and customs, including its socio-political practices and cultural artifacts through extensive reading and writing assignments as well as oral presentations.

**FREN 292: Internship Studies**

Units: 0.5-14

Prerequisites: None

Corequisite: Complete 54 hours of work per unit, paid or unpaid.

Enrollment Limitation: Instructor, dept chair, and Career Center approval. Fourteen unit maximum in any combination of work experience education and/or internship studies per semester.

Acceptable for Credit: CSU

Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer

This course provides students the opportunity to apply the theories and techniques of their discipline in an internship position in a professional setting under the instruction of a faculty-mentor and site supervisor. It introduces students to aspects of the roles and responsibilities of professionals employed in the field of study. Topics include goal-setting, employability skills development, and examination of the world of work as it relates to the student's career plans. Students must develop new learning objectives and/or work/intern at a new site upon each enrollment.

**FREN 296: Topics in French**

Units: 1-3

Prerequisites: None

Acceptable for Credit: CSU

Lecture 1 hour.

Lecture 2 hours.

Lecture 3 hours.

Course Typically Offered: To be arranged

This course gives students an opportunity to study topics in French that are not included in regular course offerings. Each Topics course is announced, described, and given its own title and 296 number designation in the class schedule.