Modern Language BA, French Emphasis

The French Program at UMSL develops learners who are both linguistically and culturally competent and ready to be global citizens. UMSL offers a broad range of coursework in French: foundational courses in language and culture, courses focused on the many facets of literature and culture, and pre-professional courses, all aimed at developing skills for the 21st century. Our dedicated faculty engage learners in and out of the classroom. You can expect a challenging, collaborative, and interactive environment in every course. Our students are a part of a larger learning community connected through our conversation group, numerous activities, and study abroad experiences.

General Education Requirements
Each language major must satisfy the general education requirements of the university and the general education requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Specific Requirements or Restrictions
Students entering with no high school language units must enroll in Language 1001 or may enroll in Language 2115. Language 2115 (a, b, and c) is the intensive study of a language and will satisfy the foreign language requirement. 2115a, 2115b, and 2115c are co-requisites and must be taken concurrently. To satisfy the foreign language requirement all three sections must be completed with a grade of C- or better.

A grade of D in a Language 1001 course is a passing grade but not an entrance grade for a Language 1002 course. A grade of D in a Language 1002 course is a passing grade but not an entrance grade for a Language 2101 course or its equivalent. A grade of D in a Language 2101 course fulfills the language requirement but is not an entrance grade for a higher-level course.

Demonstration of a high level of proficiency may affect the number of hours required for the major. Native or heritage speakers of a language should consult with the department concerning appropriate placement and advising. Students with previous language coursework should contact the department for language placement testing and advising. Students may not take for credit an elementary course if they have already completed a higher-level course for which the elementary course, or its equivalent, is a prerequisite.

Degree Requirements
All courses for the major must be passed with a grade of C- or better. No course required for the major may be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory (s/u) basis with the exception of those taken abroad as part of a university program that has received departmental approval.

Bachelor of Arts
All students seeking a B.A. in a Modern Language must successfully complete FGN LANG 2100 Languages and World View and FGN LANG 2294, Foreign Language Careers for the Global Market, and must meet the departmental requirement of a minimum of 33 hours in French or 37-39 hours in Japanese or 35 hours in Spanish or 30-33 hours in the Dual Language Professional Emphasis (excluding Language 1001 and 1002). The maximum number of hours that may be taken in the major is 45 (including Language 1001 and 1002). In addition, students seeking the B.A. in a Modern Language who desire a teaching certificate must also take FGN LANG 4589 (same as SEC ED 4589), Curriculum and Methods of Teaching Foreign Languages, FGN LANG 4590 (same as SEC ED 4590), and fulfill the professional secondary education requirements of the College of Education.

Transfer Students
Transfer students majoring in one of the modern languages must complete at UMSL a minimum of 12 graded hours in language courses at the 3000 level or above with a grade point average of 2.0 or better in those courses.

Native Speakers
Native speakers must complete at least two courses at the 3000 level and four courses at the 4000 level to obtain a major in their native language.

Specific Requirements for Concentration in French
Each major with a French concentration must complete the following courses:

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<td>Intermediate French Language and Culture</td>
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Career Outlook
Career options for graduates with a major or minor in modern languages include the following fields: teaching, social work, nursing, engineering, business, communications, government, journalism, travel industry, translation, and research. Our graduates have been especially successful when they combine advanced study in a modern language with another major. They are then able to add proficiency in a foreign language and culture to their knowledge and skills in another specialty. Experience with world cultures makes our graduates more adaptable and better prepared to meet the challenges of a global and increasingly diverse job market.

B.S. Ed. in Secondary Education with Emphasis in a Foreign Language
The B.S. Ed. is a professional education degree designed for students who wish to pursue a teaching career in secondary schools. Much of the discipline-specific coursework parallels the B.A. degree in the language; however, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) requires specific coursework for teacher certification. Therefore, students interested in the B.S. Ed. should contact the advising office (OASIS) 314-516-5937 in the College of Education for discipline-specific requirements. Note: To obtain teaching certification, DESE requires a 3.0 GPA in the discipline and professional education coursework, as well as a 2.75 GPA overall.
B.A. in a Foreign Language with Master’s Level Coursework for Secondary Teacher Certification

In addition to the B.S. Ed., students may opt to complete a B.A. or B.S. degree in their discipline as an undergraduate, followed by admission to the Graduate School for Master’s level teaching certification. The College of Education has a one-year accelerated program for post-graduate certification called Teach in 12, or students can choose a traditional path to certification. Graduate coursework for certification can apply towards a Master’s Degree in Secondary Education, with additional coursework. Students interested in Master’s Level teacher certification should contact the advising office (OASIS) 314-516-5937 in the College of Education. Note: To obtain teaching certification, DESE requires a 3.0 GPA in the discipline and professional education coursework, as well as a 2.75 GPA overall.

The linguistic goals are based on the National Standards For Foreign Language Learning and the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Proficiency Guidelines. In speaking and listening, graduates are expected to reach the Advanced-Low level proficiency, in writing the Advanced-Mid level proficiency, and in reading the Advanced-High level proficiency. For detailed descriptions of sublevels, see the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines.

Sample Four Year Plan

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| First Year    | INTDSC 1003
FRENCH 1001
ENGL 1100
MATH 1020      | 3 1 3                     | 1 5   | 1 FRENCH 1002
CORE - Communication Proficiency
CORE - US History and Government
EXPLORE - Math and Natural Sciences
EXPLORE - Social Sciences | 3 3 3 3 |
|               |                           | 15    |                                       | 14    |
| Second Year   | FRENCH 2101
FRENCH 2100
CORE - Information Literacy
EXPLORE - Social Sciences
Elective or minor | 3 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 3 3 3 |
|               |                           | 15    |                                       | 15    |
| Third Year    | FRENCH 2170
ENGL 3100
EXPLORE - Math and Natural Sciences
Elective or minor
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|               |                           | 15    |                                       | 16    |
| Fourth Year   | FRENCH 3000-level course
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FRENCH 4000-level course
Elective or minor | 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 3 3 |
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Please Note: This is an example of what a four year plan could look like for a typical student. Placement exam scores in math as well as the completion of coursework may change the plan. It should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each semester. All requirements are subject to change.