FRENCH

Department of World Languages

Courses in French are designed for students whose interests and career plans have an international or multi-ethnic focus. Students who enroll in French courses will develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing fluency and will study the culture, history and literature of the people who use the language.

Alpha Mu Gamma, a national honor society in foreign languages, recognizes excellence in the study of foreign languages. Any Worcester State University student who receives two “A’s” in French at any level at Worcester State University and a 3.0 cumulative G.P.A. is eligible to join. Application for membership is in early February. Contact Professor Naida Saavedra.

Placement for French Courses

Students are encouraged to discuss placement with the World Languages Department Chair. The following are intended to be general placement guidelines to help students with previous experience with French:

0-2 years of French in high school: FR-101
1-2 years of French in high school: FR-102
3 years of French in high school: FR-210
4 years of French in high school: FR-211

Students who have earned the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ Seal of Biliteracy in French are awarded 12 credits in French, equivalent to FR-101, FR-102, FR-210, and FR-211.

Native speakers of French or students with advanced knowledge of the language are encouraged to take the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) test in order to earn up to 12 credits in French. Interested students should contact the Academic Success Office to inquire about the CLEP test in French.

French Courses

FR-101 Beginning French I
LASC Categories: TLC, GP
Fundamentals of pronunciation, patterns of speech, basic structures. Develops listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.
Fall and Spring and every year. 3 Credits

FR-102 Beginning French II
LASC Categories: TLC, GP
Continuation of FR101.
Fall and Spring and every year. 3 Credits

FR-210 Intermediate French I
LASC Categories: TLC, GP
Prerequisites: FR-102
Review of fundamentals and presentation of more complex grammatical features; development of conversational skills; selected readings; written and oral composition.
Fall and Spring and every year. 3 Credits

FR-211 Intermediate French II
LASC Categories: TLC, GP
Prerequisites: FR-210
Continuation of FR210.
Fall and Spring and every year. 3 Credits

FR-321 Advanced French Composition I
LASC Categories: TLC, WAC
Prerequisites: EN-102 or EN-250 or EN-202
Practice in diverse composition styles as well as review of grammar, and introduction to reading French texts. Conducted in French. [Prerequisite: Two 200-level French courses.]
Other or on demand. 3 Credits

FR-322 Advanced French Conversation
LASC Categories: TLC
Prerequisites: FR-211 or any 300 level French course.
Development of fluency and accuracy, free discussions, prepared oral presentations, practical exercises in oral expression. Conducted in French.
Spring only and other or on demand. 3 Credits

FR-331 General French Civilization
LASC Categories: TLC
Prerequisites: 6 credits department FR At level 200;
Significant aspects of French history, geography, cultural achievements to world War I. Conducted in French. [Prerequisite: Two FR 200 level courses or equivalent.]
Other or on demand. 3 Credits

FR-341 Introduction to French Literature
LASC Categories: TLC, GP, DAC
Prerequisites: 6 credits department FR At level 200;
Major periods and genres of French literature; for majors and minors. Conducted in French. [Prerequisites: Two FR 200 level courses or equivalent.]
Other or on demand. 3 Credits

FR-342 Survey of French Literature I
LASC Categories: TLC
Prerequisites: 6 credits department FR At level 200;
Selections from the epic, drama, lyric poetry, and the major prose writers to major authors of the classical period. Conducted in French.
Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

FR-343 Survey of French Literature II
LASC Categories: TLC
Prerequisites: 6 credits department FR At level 200;
Major authors of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Conducted in French. [Prerequisites: Two FR 200 level courses or equivalent.]
Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

FR-346 Twentieth Century French Literature
LASC Categories: TLC, GP
Prerequisites: 6 credits department FR At level 200;
Major novelists, dramatists and poets from the turn of the century to the present. Conducted in French. [Two FR 200 level courses or equivalent.]
Other or on demand. 3 Credits

FR-403 Teaching Assistantship French
Teaching Assistants in French will regularly attend the beginning or intermediate-level classes to which they are assigned to assist the professor. Suggested for advanced students of French.
Other or on demand. 3 Credits
FR-408 Directed Study: French
Other or on demand. 3 Credits