Bachelor of Arts with a Major in French Language, Literature, and Culture

A truly international language, French is spoken in 53 countries by nearly 200 million individuals. A thorough knowledge of French language and Francophone cultures opens opportunities to students who inevitably will live and work in an increasingly global society. GW’s French Language and Literature program covers a variety of topics, addressed through exploration of the French language, poetry and literature, music, cinema, history, politics, and the media. GW and Washington, DC, are ideal locations for study in the field, from the University’s active French Club, French film series, and Foreign Language Coffee Hour, to concerts and plays at the French Embassy, and presentations on French art at the Smithsonian. Graduates have gone on to careers in fields such as education, politics, journalism, publishing, law, and business, holding positions with the U.S. Department of State, United Nations, nongovernmental organizations, and other international organizations.

Visit the program website (https://rgsll.columbian.gwu.edu/ba-french-language-literature-culture/) for additional information.

Admissions

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For more information on the admission process, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/). Applications may be submitted via the Common Application (https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to: Office of Undergraduate Admissions The George Washington University 800 21st Street NW, Suite 100 Washington DC 20052 Contact for questions: gwadm@gwu.edu or 202-994-6040

Requirements

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationtext).

Program-specific curriculum:

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**GENERAL EDUCATION**

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication (G-PAC) (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/) as well as CCAS 1001. Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

**Coursework for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:**

- **Writing**—4 credits in UW 1020 University Writing and 6 credits distributed over at least two writing in the discipline (WID) courses taken in separate semesters. WID courses are designated by a “W” appended to the course number.
- **Humanities**—one approved humanities course that involves critical thinking skills.
- **Mathematics or statistics**—one approved course in either mathematics or statistics.
- **Natural or physical science**—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry.
- **Social Sciences**—two approved courses in the social sciences that employ critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, or scientific reasoning.

**Coursework for the CCAS G-PAC requirement is distributed as follows:**

- **Arts**—one approved arts course that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
- **Global or cross-cultural perspective**—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
- **Local or civic engagement**—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- **Oral communication**—one approved course in oral communication.
- **Natural or physical science**—one additional approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- **Humanities**—one additional approved humanities course that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- **CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience**

**Certain courses are approved to fulfill GPAC requirements in more than one category.**

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC requirements may also be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.

Lists of approved courses in the above categories are included on each undergraduate major’s (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#majorstext) page in this Bulletin.

**SPECIAL HONORS**

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In addition to the general requirements stated under University Regulations, in order to be considered for graduation with Special Honors in French language, literature, and culture, candidates must have attained a 3.75 GPA in the major and at least a 3.0 average overall. Qualified students may be invited to write an honors thesis by their major advisor and proseminar professor by the beginning of the fall semester of the senior year.