

# 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.

For more information, visit the program website (<https://rgsll.columbian.gwu.edu/ba-french-language-literature-culture/>).

## ADMISSIONS

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](mailto: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/#degreeregulationstext>).

Program-specific curriculum:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prerequisite courses</b>		
FREN 1001	Basic French I	

FREN 1002	Basic French II
FREN 1003	Intermediate French I
FREN 1004	Intermediate French II
FREN 2005	Language, Culture, and Society I

Code	Title	Credits
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### Required for the major

30 credits including:

FREN 3100	Introduction to French Literature
FREN 4910	Proseminar: Readings for the Major
FREN 4920W	Proseminar II

Seven additional upper-level courses numbered 2006 and above. Four of these courses must be in French literature and culture. Two must be FREN courses in the 4000 range. With approval of the major advisor, two may be in a related field.

FREN 2500	Cultural Politics of Food in France
FREN 3010W	Advanced French Language, Structure, and Composition
FREN 3020	Contemporary France
FREN 3100W	Introduction to French Literature
FREN 3210	Medieval and Early Modern French Literature in Context
FREN 3220	Modern French Literature
FREN 3300	Topics in French and Francophone Literatures and Cultures in Translation
FREN 3400	Studies in Genre
FREN 3500	Race, Religion, and Identity in France
FREN 3520	The Age of Classicism
FREN 3530	The Age of Enlightenment
FREN 3550	Studies in Twentieth-Century French Literature
FREN 3560	Topics in Contemporary Francophone Literature and Cinema
FREN 3600	Special Topics in French Literature
FREN 3700	History of French Cinema
FREN 4135	Folger Seminar
FREN 4470	Writing Women

FREN 4500	Studies in Medieval French Literature
FREN 4510	French Literature of the Renaissance
FREN 4540	Nineteenth-Century French Literature and Culture
FREN 4600	Special Topics in French Literature
FREN 4700	Race Matters: Literature, Culture, and Identity in Contemporary France

## GENERAL EDUCATION

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#text>), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication, or G-PAC (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/>). 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.

G-PAC approved courses, Dean's Seminars, and Sophomore Colloquia that may be available for registration are listed on the CCAS Advising website (<https://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/general-education-courses/>).

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

- Writing—one approved course in university writing and two approved writing in the disciplines (WID) courses.
- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical or creative 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.

Coursework for the Columbian College general education curriculum is distributed as follows:

- Arts—one approved course in the arts 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.

- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Local or Civic Engagement—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- Natural or Physical Science—one 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).
- Oral Communication—one course in oral communication.

Certain courses are approved to fulfill the requirement in more than one of these categories.

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC also may 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.

## SPECIAL HONORS

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.