

**French Language, Literature and Culture**  
**School of International Letters and Cultures**  
**Guidelines for Honors Students**

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**About French**

- French is one of the most commonly spoken languages in the world: 220 million speakers and growing fast, especially in Africa;
- French is the second most widely learned foreign language after English, and the sixth most widely spoken language in the world ;
- French is both a working language and an official language of the United Nations, the European Union, UNESCO, NATO, the International Olympic Committee, the International Red Cross and international courts ;
- French is the international language of cooking, fashion, theatre, the visual arts, dance and architecture. A knowledge of French offers access to great works of literature in the original language, as well as to other cultural artifacts ;
- France is the 22nd largest country by population and the world's 11th largest economy. The economic power of all French-speaking countries is a large portion of the world economy, and will increase as the population of Africa continues to expand in the coming decades. As a result French is a major language of international business and international relations;
- French is useful in fields including aerospace, design, diplomacy, education, fashion, gastronomy, international aid, law, marketing, media/journalism, medicine, publishing, tourism/hospitality, and translation, to name a few.

**About the Program**

The program in French at ASU offers the opportunity to study the language, the literature and the culture of France and French-speaking countries. Students learn how to read, write, speak, and understand the French language, and take a number of related courses on topics including art, cinema, the history and civilization of France and French-speaking countries, linguistics, literature, religion, theater, etc. Any Barrett student who is considering a major or minor in French in the School of International Letters & Cultures (SILC) should make an appointment with the Honors Faculty Advisor. Many students double major or minor in French – it is an excellent addition to any transcript and resume.

**Courses**

Courses offered by the French faculty in SILC in which students may request Honors credit include (but are not limited to):

FRE 194 – Knights, Magic, Monsters: Medieval and Modern Fantasy

FRE 194 – Africa Transnational Identities

FRE 201 – Intermediate French I

FRE 202 – Intermediate French II

FRE 210 – Intensive French

FRE 305 – Readings in French Literature

FRE 311 – Oral and Written Expression I

FRE 312 – Oral and Written Expression II

FRE 321 – French Cultural Masterpieces I (from the Middle Ages to the French Revolution)

FRE 322 – French Cultural Masterpieces II (from the French Revolution to the Present)

FRE 325 – French Language and Culture through Film

FRE 411 – Advanced Spoken French

FRE 412 – Advanced Written French

FRE 415 – French Civilization I

FRE 416 – French Civilization II

FRE 461 – Modern French Narrative

FRE 462 – Modern French Poetry

FRE 492 – Honors Directed Study

FRE 493 – Honors Thesis

FRE 494 – Topics recently offered by the faculty include: French Civilization; Paris and Florence in the Middle Ages; Gay Tradition in French; Baroque Theater: Text and Productions; African Literature and Cinema; Exploring the East in Medieval French Literature; Introduction to Textual Analysis, French and Italian Popular Culture; Haiti: History and Culture; History of the French Language; etc.

### **Study Abroad and Internships**

ASU offers students of French many opportunities for study abroad for the summer, semester, or year. ASU faculty-lead summer programs in Quebec City, Canada, and in Lyon, France, through which you can earn French credits quickly and improve your French rapidly. We also have a semester-long and a year-long exchange program with the University of Lyon 2. There are scholarships available for many students, especially those receiving Pell Grants. For our faculty-lead summer programs and our semester-long and a year-long exchange program, contact Carmen Pitz at [Carmen.Pitz@asu.edu](mailto:Carmen.Pitz@asu.edu) in the Study Abroad Program office or Honors Faculty Advisor for French Frédéric Canovas at [fcanovas@asu.edu](mailto:fcanovas@asu.edu)

You can easily do a minor or double major in French, especially if you study abroad. Contact the Honors Faculty Advisor or SILC's academic adviser Barbara Fleming at [barbara.fleming@asu.edu](mailto:barbara.fleming@asu.edu)

There are also internship possibilities for French students (classroom assistant at Archway Classical Academy, Phoenix-Grenoble Sister Cities, Alliance française); contact the Honors Faculty Advisor for information.

### **Thesis and Creative Project**

Honors students must sign up for 3 credits of 492 (Honors Enrichment Project) or 3 credits of 493 (Honors Thesis). The Barrett Honors College offers help and information about Enrichment Projects at

<http://barretthonors.asu.edu/academics/honors-courses-and-contracts/honors-enrichment-contracts/>

Honors Students do not need to be majors in French in order to complete an Enrichment Project or an honors thesis in the French program, but in the event of high demand, priority will be given to French majors and minors. The director of the honors thesis must be a member of the French faculty at the Lecturer or tenured/tenure-track Professor level. The thesis committee normally consists of two members, but a third reader may be included if the student and director feel it is necessary.

### **Thesis Requirements**

Before enrolling in HON 492 or HON 493, Honors students are required to complete either a Thesis Workshop session, or an online workshop from Barrett Honors College, or a thesis preparation course in the French section. Specific Barrett Honors College requirements and workshops are accessible at

<http://barretthonors.asu.edu/academics/thesis-and-creative-project/>

The student is expected to

- formulate a coherent thesis topic in consultation with the thesis director;
- plan a timeline of progress with the thesis director;
- provide an outline of the thesis in a timely manner;
- consult regularly with the director and other committee members.

It is the student's responsibility to submit the necessary forms and to inform the thesis director of all Honors College requirements and deadlines.

### **After Graduation**

Contact the Honors Faculty Advisor for information related to post-graduation possibilities for students of French, including the State Department Consular Fellows Program, the National Security Agency (NSA), the Peace Corps, and the Teaching Assistant Program in France (TAPIF).

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