Degree Programs in French and Francophone Studies

Summary of Requirements: Major in French and Francophone Studies

- FREN 20500 OR FREN 20503
- Nine courses in advanced language, literature, or culture (FREN 20601 and above)*
  - BA paper (if the student wishes to qualify for honors)**

Total Units: 1000

* This must include at least one introductory-level course and at least two courses which include pre-nineteenth-century material. See the College Catalog for more information.

**Students writing a BA honors paper may include FREN 29900 BA Paper Preparation: French or FREN 29901 Academic Research and Writing as one of their literature and culture courses.

Summary of Requirements: Minor in French and Francophone Studies

- FREN 20500 OR FREN 20503
- Five courses in French Language, literature, culture or society (FREN 20601 and above)
  - One introductory-level course in French
  - One including pre-nineteenth-century material

Total Units: 600

An n paéle Kreyòl!

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Upon entering college, I wasn’t planning on pursuing a French major. It was truly UChicago’s French section that inspired me to keep going and see the major through! Every French professor I had, from the 103-language course to advanced literature courses open to graduate students, were nothing but encouraging, supportive, and invested in helping students succeed. The language instruction I received at UChicago has helped me improve my French language skills astronomically!

Madeleine is moving to Crest, France to teach English after being selected as a TAPIF (Teaching Assistant Program in France) recipient. The TAPIF program recruits students from UChicago every year!

Madeleine Roberts-Ganim
Double Major in French and Francophone Studies & History; Class of 2023
Photo (Below) is of Madeleine at Claude Monet’s House and Gardens in Giverny, France

Fatou Dioum completed Global Honors with many French and Francophone components. She enjoyed two Study Abroad experiences: the September Law, Letters, and Society course in Paris, and African Civilizations in Dakar, where she also took a French class. A Heritage Learner of French, she earned a certificate for passing the French Practical Proficiency Exam. Additionally, after taking Reading French for Research Purposes, she High Passed the ARCA™. She underwent a two-year internship with the United African Organization in Chicago:

For that internship, I relied heavily on my French to speak to the clients as well as to translate both verbally and nonverbally between French, Wolof and English.

A second internship with the French Language Program was funded by a Metcalf Grant. She is working for J.P. Morgan following graduation.

Fatou Dioum
Economics Major, Minor in French and Francophone Studies
Class of 2023

Our Students

Faculty Spotlight

Professor Pauline Goul is the new Undergraduate Adviser for French and Francophone Studies. Her research focuses on early modern France (XVIth and XVIIIth century), as well as questions and anxieties relating to waste and sustainability, and the environment in general in literature. This year, she will teach a literary analysis seminar on “Questionner les classiques” (Winter) and an introductory level course on “Race, Gender and Religion in Medieval and Early Modern France” (Spring).

Pauline Goul
Assistant Professor, French Literature and the College; Undergraduate Adviser

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Study Abroad

Many programs are offered through the UChicago Center in Paris across all academic quarters. This includes subject-specific trips such as Art History, Cinema and Media Studies, or Global Health. The university also offers Civilization Core courses in European Civ, African Civilizations and more!

There are also possibilities to study abroad in Dakar (Senegal), and Marrakesh (Morocco). Professor Khalid Lyamlahy will be teaching Civilization in Paris and Marrakesh in 2023-2024, including his newly created course, “North African France: Decolonization, Immigration and Postcolonial Identity”, taught in the Paris September program. His new novel, Evocation d’un mémorial à Venise, just came out in March with Présence Africaine.

Find more information at study-abroad.uchicago.edu

Top Photo: “Reflections of the Palace”
Zhongjun Luo, Class of 2020

Taken while travelling with UChicago Study Abroad
“European Civilization in Paris”