

FRENCH MAJOR FOR TEACHING CERTIFICATION

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The **major in French** (State Code: FA) for Secondary teachers consists of 32 credits numbered 311 and above.

Teacher candidates are required to spend at least one semester in a French-speaking country. They are also required to pass an oral proficiency exam at the advanced low level prior to certification, which they are advised to take directly after returning from their study abroad semester.

Teacher candidates for certification in this major must pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) in French (Test #023). MTTC content exams should not be taken until 90% of course work in the subject area has been completed. A study guide is available at the MTTC website: (http://www.mttc.nesinc.com/PDFs/MI_field023_SG.pdf).

The courses below meet State standards and have been selected so that teacher candidates will be well prepared for the test. Knowledge must be demonstrated in the following categories:

Subarea	Approximate % of Questions on Test
1. Listening Comprehension	15%
2. Reading Comprehension	15%
3. Language Structures and Comparisons	15%
4. Cultural Understanding, Comparisons, and Connections	15%
5. Language Acquisition, Instruction, and Assessment	20%
6. Writing	20%

PLEASE REFER TO YOUR DEGREE EVALUATION IN KNOWHOPE PLUS IN ADDITION TO THIS DOCUMENT TO DETERMINE FULFILLMENT OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Must have 32 credits in upper level course work. Two 400-level courses are required. Sixteen of these hours must be obtained from overseas French and Francophone programs.

ADVANCED LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND CULTURE COURSES – REQUIRED (24 credit hours):

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
FREN 311	French Grammar and Phonetics	4		
FREN 313	French Conversation	4		
FREN 341	Introduction to French Culture and Society	4		
FREN 343	Contemporary France	4		
FREN 344	Francophone Cultures	4		
LING 364	Intro to Descriptive Linguistics	4		

ELECTIVES – SELECT TWO OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES (8 credit hours):

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
FREN 441	The Francophone Experience	4		
FREN 443	Early Modern French Studies	4		
FREN 444	Contemporary French Cultural Studies	4		
FREN 495	Studies in French Language and Literature	4		

METHODS COURSE - REQUIRED (4 credits) **This course MUST be completed prior to the student teaching semester!** (The foreign language methods course is considered pedagogy and is NOT a

part of the 32 hour major but IS counted toward requirements for teacher certification.)

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
EDUC 388	Teaching of Second and World Languages K-12	3		
EDUC 389	Teaching of Second and World Languages K-12 Field Placements	1		