

UC 11341 11F
(Revised)

TO: Degree Programs/CBM003s Subcommittee 2
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RE: memo UC 11341 11F

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REVISED Request:

To replace this paragraph, currently in the Undergraduate Catalog under "French Major":

In addition to the other requirements for the Bachelor of Arts, students will complete 27 semester hours in French at the advanced level (3000 and 4000) to include the following:

1. Twelve semester hours at the advanced level, as follows: FREN 3312, 3313, 3314, and 3320.
2. Nine semester hours chosen from FREN 3311, 3316, 3317, 3318, 4313, 4315, 4316, or 4317.
3. Six semester hours of a French literature course at the 4000-level.

With this new paragraph:

In addition to the other requirements for the Bachelor of Arts, students will complete 27 hours in French at the advanced level (3000 and 4000) to include the following:

1. Six semester hours at the advanced level, as follows: FREN 3313 and FREN 3320.
2. Fifteen semester hours chosen from 3000 or 4000 level language and culture courses.
3. Six semester hours of French or Francophone literature courses at the 4000 level.

Students starting a major in French should work in close consultation with the departmental undergraduate advisor to ensure that their degree plan is coherent, well-balanced and appropriate to their long-range goals.

Justification:

1. Required courses are no longer taught every semester, making it difficult, if not impossible, for students to complete their degree in French within a reasonable time. In the past, we have had to substitute courses, creating unbalanced course sequencing and resulting in unpredictable enrollments and course cancellations.
2. The changes will not affect the number of hours for the degree, or the literature requirements. Prerequisite FREN 3313 (Adv. Grammar) will now be taught every semester to better accommodate student demand. Minors will not be affected by this change. The changes will only affect course distribution, not the content of the curriculum.

Result:

The new requirements will give us more flexibility in organizing a balanced course rotation and will greatly enhance graduation rates and upper-level enrollments without unduly penalizing students. Furthermore, the new requirements will allow for language, culture and

literature courses to be more evenly distributed in each semester's offerings, with a least one course in each of the three areas being offered in any given semester.