

French Curriculum Changes

Starting in Fall 2009, there will be some exciting changes in our French curriculum. The requirements for the French Major will also change for incoming students (freshmen in Fall 2009).

The major requirements for students in the classes of 2010, 2011, and 2012 do not change, but the selection of advanced courses available to you will change, so you will work with your advisor to make some adjustments in your schedule. **This will not add any French classes to your schedule; you'll just be taking some different classes.**

Currently, we offer two civilization courses (231 and 232) and two literature courses (321 and 322), and French Majors are required to choose three out of these four courses as part of their major.

Starting in the fall, we will eliminate FLF 231, 232, 321 and 322, and in their place will offer three new courses that combine literature and civilization, enabling students to better understand how intertwined cultural history and literature really are.

These are the new courses:

FLF 351: French Texts and Society: From Feudalism to Humanism

FLF 352: French Texts and Society: From Absolutism to Revolution

FLF 353: French Texts and Society: From Romanticism to the Fifth Republic

You started at VU under the “old” major requirements, but we will no longer offer these four “old” courses. So we have determined which new courses are the natural substitutes for the ones we will no longer offer. You will still be required to have a total of 27 credits for the French major or 14 for the French minor.

Here are the equivalents that we have established:

- For FLF 231: You can take either 351 or 352
- For FLF 232: You can take 353
- For FLF 321: You can take either 351 or 352
- For FLF 322: You can take 353

Here is our advanced course rotation for the next three years:

Fall 2009

FLF 290 - 3 cr Topics Course (New course: Fall 09, French Cinema)

FLF 306 - 4 cr Contemporary French Language and Communication

FLF 353 - 4 cr French Texts and Society: From Romanticism to the Fifth Republic (new course)

Spring 2010

FLF 220 - 3 cr Approaches to French Literature

FLF 302 - 3 cr Advanced Written Expression

FLF 493 - 3 cr Senior Seminar

Fall 2010

FLF 240 – 3 cr Phonetics

FLF 307 – 3 cr Professional French

FLF 351 – 3 cr French Texts and Society: From Feudalism to Humanism (new course)

Spring 2011

FLF 220 - 3 cr Approaches to French Literature

FLF 301 – 3 cr Advanced Oral Expression

FLF 352 – 3 cr French Texts and Society: From Absolutism to Revolution (new course)

FLF 493 – 3 cr Senior Seminar

Fall 2011 (same as Fall 2009)

FLF 290 - 3 cr Topics Course

FLF 306 - 4 cr Contemporary French Language and Communication

FLF 353 - 4 cr French Texts and Society: From Romanticism to the Fifth Republic (new course)

Spring 2012 (same as Spring 2010)

FLF 220 - 3 cr Approaches to French Literature

FLF 302 - 3 cr Advanced Written Expression

FLF 493 - 3 cr Senior Seminar

We will make sure that you graduate on time with these equivalents and any other adjustments that we might need to make for individual student schedules. We will also work with you to make sure that courses you take abroad fit in well with your major requirements.