

# The Department of French and Francophone Studies

## French & Francophone Studies Major

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## About

The French and Francophone Studies Program (FFS) offers a major and a minor. FFS emphasizes language skills and offer interdisciplinary studies in the faculty's area of specialization: French literature and cinema; the cultures and literatures of the Francophone world; and stylistics and translation. Francophone studies is a dynamic and rapidly expanding field. Villanova's interdisciplinary FFS have been designed to provide students with a thorough grounding in the literatures, history, politics, cultural production, sociolinguistics, postcolonial experiences, and development of Francophone countries.

## Required Major Courses (31 credits)

The Major consists of 31 FFS credits above the intermediate level (FFS 1122), including courses in literature, cinema, and cultural studies. Students may obtain up to 6 credits through the Villanova summer program in Lille, France, and up to 9 credits through the semester program.

### *Program Notes:*

- One RLL course taught in English with FFS attribute may be accepted for the major.
- FFS 3971 is to be taken in conjunction with any 3000-level course.
- Students may obtain up to 6 credits through the Villanova summer program in Lille, France, and up to 9 credits through the semester programs.

Course	Title	Credits
	FFS 1138 or FFS 1140	3
	FFS 2220 or FFS 2221	3
FFS 3971	Directed Research in FFS	1
	FFS 3000+ elective	3
	French and Francophone Studies Electives	21

## Core Curriculum Requirements (44 credits)

Course	Title	Credits
ACS 1000	Ancients	3
ACS 1001	Moderns	3
THL 1000	Faith, Reason, and Culture	3
PHI 1000	Knowledge, Reality, Self	3
ETH 2050	The Good Life:Eth & Cont Prob	3
	Mathematics or Statistics (1 course)	3
	Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)	8
	Literature and Writing Seminar (1 course)	3
	History (1 course)	3
	Social Sciences (2 courses)	6
	Fine Arts (1 course)	3
	Upper-Level Theology (1 course)	3
	Language Requirement (Proficiency)	
	Diversity Requirement (2 courses)	

## Free Elective Requirement (47 credits)

Students with a French & Francophone Studies primary major have forty-seven (47) required free elective credits.

## Degree Credit Summary

- **Major Credits:** 31 credits
- **Core Credits:** 44 credits
- **Free Electives Credits:** 47 credits
- **Total Required Credits:** 122 Credits

*Note: The above credit totals are based on the minimum number of required credits in each degree area. The minimum number of required credits in each area listed above must be met. Credits taken beyond the required minimum for one area may not be applied to another area.*

## SECONDARY MAJOR

Students who declare French & Francophone Studies as a **secondary major** must complete the Required Major Courses to achieve this major. Students are able to count any eligible course taken in their primary major, the core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives toward these requirements.