

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.

Program: French and Francophone Studies

Type: Bachelor of Arts

PRIMARY MAJOR (122 credits)

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	
	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.

Category Descriptions

FFS 1138 or FFS 1140

Credits: 3

Course	Title	Credits
FFS 1138	Advanced Grammar	3
FFS 1140	Writing & Stylistics in French	3

FFS 2220 or FFS 2221

Credits: 3

Course	Title	Credits
FFS 2220	Lit and Culture of France	3
FFS 2221	Lit/Cult Francophone World	3

FFS 3000+ elective

Credits: 3

French and Francophone Studies Elective (3000 level or above) (3 cr) - Select 1 Class from FFS 3000:9999

French and Francophone Studies Electives

Credits: 21

Select 7 Classes from FFS 1123:9999 totaling 21 cr.

Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)

Credits: 8

Non-science majors meet the Core Curriculum Natural Science requirement by taking two semesters of Mendel Science Experience (MSE), thematically-based lecture/laboratory courses designed for non-science majors; or two semesters of lecture/laboratory courses designed for science majors.

Science (AST, BIO, BIOC, CHM, CBN, CSC, ENV, MAT, PHY - B.S. only, PSY - B.S. only) majors meet the science requirement through the regular program of study in their major.