

FRENCH LANGUAGE COURSES FOR FALL 2020

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PLACEMENT

If you have any questions regarding French course placement or selection, please contact Dr. Rebecca Harmon (RCHarmon@gcc.edu).

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

You may satisfy the GCC language requirement through successful completion of the Intermediate-level language sequence (201-202) at GCC in French or Spanish.

Freshmen and transfer students who need to complete the language requirement should **register for a language course as early as possible** in your GCC career. If left to the junior or senior year, completing the language requirement might present last-minute problems, such as failing to graduate on time.

Students who have had non-AP French outside of GCC must take GCC's WebCAPE placement exam to determine in which class they should enroll.

COURSE PLACEMENT

| I took | My score was | I receive credit for | I may enroll in |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 0-5+ years of high school French and the WebCAPE exam | 0-240 | none | FREN 101 (fall only) |
| | 241-320 | none | FREN 102 (spring only) or 201* |
| | 321-360 | none | FREN 201 (fall only) |
| | 361-400 | none | FREN 202 (spring only) or 307* |
| | 401+ | none | FREN 301 or 307 |
| AP French Language Exam | 5 | FREN 201 & 202 | FREN 301 or 307 |
| | 4 | FREN 201 | FREN 202 (spring only) or 307* |
| | 3 or below | none | FREN 201 (fall only) |
| AP French Literature Exam | 5 | two FREN electives (6 credit hours) | FREN 301, 307, or 321* |
| | 4 | one FREN elective (3 credit hours) | FREN 301 or 307 |
| | 3 or below | none | FREN 201, 301, or 307 |

*with permission of the instructor

Please note: you may **not** receive credit for the same course twice. If you receive credit for FREN 201 based on your AP exam score, you **may not** take FREN 201 at GCC and receive credit for it again.

COURSES OFFERED FALL 2020

FRENCH 101 Elementary French I
 FRENCH 201 Intermediate French I
 FRENCH 301 Understanding France and the French
 FRENCH 307 French Composition and Style

THE FRENCH MAJOR AND MINOR

A French major consists of 30 credits beyond the Elementary level (101-102).
 A French minor consists of 18 credits beyond the Elementary level (101-102).

THE COURSE OF STUDY MUST BE SEQUENTIAL

1) The 100/200/300-level distinctions in languages are based on the level of French someone has developed and have nothing to do with being a Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior or Senior. Typically, many Freshmen are in our intermediate or advanced 300-level French classes; conversely, many Seniors are in our lower classes.

- 2) For students who hesitate between levels, we recommend:
- a) scheduling the more challenging class;
 - b) contacting one of the French instructors with follow-up questions;
 - c) attending both courses for at least the first couple of class meetings;
 - c) remembering that shifting is possible up until mid-term, provided there are no schedule conflicts with the student's other classes;
 - d) leaving open spots for both classes, in case a change should prove necessary at a later date.
- 3) For students with French and Secondary or Elementary Education majors, we recommend vigilance in the scheduling of courses, because many of the French courses are offered on alternate years. In addition, students are urged to establish a four-year plan in consultation with their advisors in both disciplines.

WHAT DO YOU LEARN IN FRENCH LANGUAGE COURSES? GCC FREN 101-202 SEQUENCE

Elementary French 101, Fall Semester, Text: *Motifs*, 6th ed., Modules 1-7

You will learn greetings, farewells, and vocabulary related to the university, occupations, leisure activities, family life, food, and the weather. You will be able to communicate in French using short sentences and formulas. You will be able to ask questions, give commands, and discuss events in the present, near future, and past.

Elementary French 102, Spring Semester, Text: *Motifs*, 6th ed., Modules 8-14

You will learn to ask for and give directions, to make travel plans, and vocabulary related to geography, daily routine, shopping, health and the body, travel and transportation. You will be able to communicate in French using complex sentences and formulas. You will discuss future and hypothetical events, as well as emotions.

Intermediate French 201, Fall Semester

You will review and solidify your ability to describe, compare, and narrate in all time frames. You will learn vocabulary related to emotions, relationships, and the family. At this point, you will be moving toward expressing yourself in strings of sentences.

Intermediate French 202, Spring Semester

You will review and solidify your ability to ask questions and discuss hypothetical situations. You will learn vocabulary related to technology, the environment, and the professional world. You will express your thoughts in a connected series of sentences.