



Program Planning Guide

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Calendar Year: 2010/2011

Faculty: Arts & Science/Education

Department of Modern Languages

Modern Languages Programs

The Department of Modern Languages offers four majors for the B.A./B.Ed. Combined Degrees program: French, German, French/German, and French/Spanish. Students may complete a B.A./B.Ed. or B.Sc./B.Ed. Combined Degrees program with a Modern Languages Education minor. Please refer to the University of Lethbridge Calendar for more information.

Consult With the Department Advisor

Students requiring advice on the majors or minors offered by the Department of Modern Languages are strongly encouraged to consult with the Department Advisor as early as possible in their first two years of study.

Off-Campus Study and Scholarships

French/Modern Languages Education: French majors must participate in the French Visiting Student Program (FVSP) as part of their program requirements. Further information on this program may be obtained from the French Off-Campus Studies Coordinator in the Department. Students may apply for a Summer Language Bursary to study French elsewhere in Canada. Scholarships of interest to students studying off campus include the Louis Sherman Turcotte Memorial Travel Scholarships. French majors may also be eligible for the Ruby I. Larson French Language Scholarship. Further information on these awards may be found in the University of Lethbridge Calendar or at the Scholarships and Student Finance Office.

Book Prizes

Each Spring the Swiss Embassy provides to the Department of Modern Languages one French book that is traditionally awarded to students performing well in French courses. As well, the Department nominates a student for the Jean-Pierre Ascione Book Prize in French Literature. Recipients of the book prizes are normally continuing students either in Modern Languages or Education. No applications are required.

Independent Study Opportunities

Students interested in undertaking an Independent Study in the Department of Modern Languages should consult with an instructor of their choice.

Co-operative Education in the Humanities and Social Sciences

A Co-op option, requiring three work terms, is available. Students interested in the Co-operative Education/Internship program should contact the Coordinator of Co-operative Education in the Career Resources Centre (B610 | phone: 403-382-7154) for further information.

Faculty of Education

Choosing an Education Major

The Faculty of Education offers 11 different majors that correspond to teaching subjects in Alberta schools (see p. 163 in the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar for a listing). In highly competitive teaching majors, the GPA for admission may be above the minimum requirements.

How to Choose a Major

Students generally begin by thinking about which subjects they enjoyed and did well at in school. Students are also encouraged to conduct additional research regarding their interests and aptitudes. Students who are uncertain about their major should try taking introductory courses in several areas.

Choosing Courses Outside the Major

Students sometimes find that their initial objective to teach only at the elementary level or only at the secondary school level is later modified—or even completely changed. Students are therefore encouraged to select courses that will prepare them for teaching in a variety of situations. Moreover, students should select courses that not only provide breadth and richness for the classroom but also provide the basis for the development of a teaching minor or specialization.

Choosing an Education Minor

The Faculty of Education offers 19 minors (see p. 167 in the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar for a listing). A minor consists of five non-Education courses (excluding those used in the major) and one curriculum and instruction Education course. Students may use the same courses to fulfill the minor and the General Liberal Education Requirement (GLER).

Choosing an Education Specialization

The Faculty of Education offers three specializations:

- Early Childhood Education
- Special/Inclusive Education
- Technology in Education

The specializations consist of four courses and corresponding Professional Semester III focus.

Advantages of Completing a Minor and/or Specialization

Completing a minor and/or a specialization allows students to develop expertise in a second area of teaching and be more versatile and marketable as a graduating teacher. For more information, see the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 8 - Education, Sections 7. Education Minors (p. 167) and 8. Education Specializations (p. 172).

Where to Get Help

You can start career research at your school counselling centre, at your local library, or on the Internet, including websites like Alberta Advanced Education and Technology (www.advancededucation.gov.ab.ca). There are also many programs and people at the University of Lethbridge to assist you with a choice of major. Career and Employment Services (CES) assists students and alumni with their career exploration needs (in particular, see "What Can I Do With a Major in...?" at www.uleth.ca/ross/ces/majors.html). Students may also contact an Academic Advisor in Student Program Services in the Faculty of Education (email: edu.sps@uleth.ca | phone: 403-329-2254) or in the Faculty of Arts and Science (email: artsci.advising@uleth.ca | phone: 403-329-5106).

Department of Modern Languages Placement Policy

Placement Test

Students will enrol in courses for which they have the prerequisite listed in the Calendar. However, in order to confirm their enrolment in 1000-level language courses (1000, 1100 or 1500) in French, German, Japanese, or Spanish, students must satisfy the requirements of a compulsory Placement Test. This test is administered at the first class meeting of these courses each semester. For further information on the Placement Test, students should read the Department's Placement Policy, available from the Department Advisor or from the Department Administrative Assistant. Students may also consult with the French, German, Japanese, or Spanish Language Coordinator if they have further questions.

Advanced Standing

As a general rule, the Department of Modern Languages does not permit students to register in courses for which they do not have the prerequisites listed in the Calendar. However, students who think that they have adequate background to do well in a course without the prerequisite may apply to the Department for a waiver of prerequisite.

Advanced Placement Exam

The Advanced Placement Exam is used to assess the knowledge of students who wish to enrol in French, German, Japanese, or Spanish 1100-, 1500- or 2000-level courses without the formal prerequisites. For information on the Advanced Placement Exam, students should read the Department's Placement Policy, available from the Department Advisor or the Department Administrative Assistant. Students may consult with the French, German, Japanese, or Spanish Language Coordinator if they have further questions.

Assessing Preparedness

Students wishing to enrol in a 3000- or 4000-level course without the official prerequisite should have their preparedness for the course assessed through an interview with the course instructor.

Prerequisite Waiver Forms

Application forms for prerequisite waivers may be obtained from the Department Administrative Assistant, from instructors or from the Department Advisor. A waiver of prerequisite is not granted until these forms are signed by both the appropriate instructor and the Department Chair. The signed forms must be presented at the Arts and Science Student Program Services Office (SU060) at the time of registration.

Program Requirements

The B.A./B.Ed. combined degrees program with a major in French/Modern Languages Education: French requires a minimum of 50 courses, including 30 in Arts and Science and 20 in Education. A minimum of 14 courses (10 French, Linguistics 2300, Linguistics 2600, and two courses taken in the French Visiting Student Program) is required in the French major. A maximum of 17 courses in French is allowed.

Transfer Credit

Remember that you may use both University of Lethbridge credit and credit transferred from another college or university to meet degree and major requirements. Transfer credit may be either specified or unspecified. Specified credit is indicated on your transcript by the subject name and the specific number of the course, e.g., French 1000, 2300, etc. Unspecified credit (1XXX, 2XXX, etc.) is indicated by the subject name and level of the course in parentheses, e.g., French (1000 level), French (2000 level), etc.

Unspecified Course Credit

Unspecified course credit means that the University of Lethbridge does not offer the same course you transferred in, but we recognize it and treat it as a regular course. An unspecified course would count as one of your maximum of 17 from one department, but it could not meet a specific course requirement. For example, if French 1500 is required in your program, you could not use French (1000 level) to fulfill that requirement. Students with unspecified transfer credit need to consult an Academic Advisor to establish how the transfer credit fits in the degree program. This should be done as soon as possible after transfer credit is awarded.

Program Worksheet

Name : _____ ID : _____

Required Courses:

____ 1-2. One of the following pairs (a. or b.):

____ a. **Non-Immersion Pair**

(for students who have completed French 30, French 31, or equivalent)

French 1500 - Intermediate Language I
French 2000 - Intermediate Language II

Note: *Students who have not completed French 30 or French 31 (or equivalent) should begin their program with French 1000 and/or French 1100 depending on the placement test (see Section 21.v.2, Placement, p. 138 in the 2010/2011 UofL Calendar). These courses will count among the 17 courses allowed from one department, but will not count toward the minimum number of courses required for the major).*

OR

____ b. **Immersion Pair**

(for students who have completed French Language Arts 30, Français 30, or equivalent)

French 2001 - Intermediate Language for
Immersion Graduates
One additional course in French

____ 3. *French 2250 - French Immersion

____ 4. French 2300 - Introduction to Modern Literature and Literary Analysis

____ 5. French 3001 - Advanced Language I

____ 6. French 3100 - Survey of Pre-Revolutionary French Literature

____ 7. French 3450 - Phonetics and Diction

____ 8. ONE of:

____ French 4001 - Advanced Language II

____ French 4002 - Advanced Studies in Language (Series)

____ 9-10. TWO additional French courses at the 3000/4000 level

1. _____ 2. _____

In addition students must complete the following:

____ 11. Linguistics 2300 - Introduction to Linguistics I: Phonetics and Phonology

____ 12. Linguistics 2600 - Introduction to Linguistics II: Morphology, Syntax and Semantics

____ 13-14. Participation in one 13-week off-campus study semester at a francophone university. Students must take two courses for which the language of instruction is French.

1. _____ 2. _____

**French 2250 is a required course for Modern Languages Education: French majors. It is recommended that Modern Languages Education: French majors successfully complete French 2250 before enrolling in Professional Semester I.*

French Visiting Student Program

1. Courses are selected in consultation with the French Off-Campus Studies Coordinator. Students must enrol in French 2250, one French transfer course eligible for credit, and one other course in French eligible for credit (this last course can be a second French transfer course, a non-French transfer course taught in French at the host university or an Independent Study taught in French).
2. Students fill out the Department of Modern Languages French Visiting Student Program Application Form.
3. Students provide the French Off-Campus Studies Coordinator in the Department of Modern Languages with a copy of their most recent transcript.
4. Students must submit completed, signed applications to the Coordinator for Department approval.
5. Students have the Department of Modern Languages French Visiting Student Program Application Form approved by the Faculty of Arts and Science Student Program Services Office.
6. Students must arrange with the Cash Office for payment of fees by the appropriate deadlines.
7. Students must register for French 2250 at the Registrar's Office and Student Services (ROSS). If the program includes an Independent Study course, students must submit the form (signed by the instructor and Department Chair) to the Arts and Science Student Program Services Office (SU060) for approval.
8. Students will then forward all necessary documents to the host university, including fees or deposits. Keep photocopies of all correspondence with the host university!

For complete details on the FVSP (e.g., eligibility for financial assistance, transfer credit upon return to the UoFL, etc.), see the French Off-Campus Studies Coordinator in the Department of Modern Languages.

Sample Sequencing Plan

Shown below is a sample sequence of courses for your degree. If you follow this plan, you should be able to graduate in five years, provided you complete five courses per semester. This is just one example of how you could complete your major and degree requirements; you may find that a different sequence works as well as this one.

<p>Year 1, Fall French 1500 or French 2001¹ GLER course GLER course GLER course GLER course</p>	<p>Year 1, Spring French 2000 or French elective¹ Linguistics 2300 GLER course GLER course GLER course</p>
<p>Year 2, Fall Education 2500² French 2300 French 3450 GLER course Elective</p>	<p>Year 2, Spring French 3001 French 3100 Linguistics 2600 Elective Elective</p>
<p>Year 3, Fall French 3000/4000 level French 3000/4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level</p>	<p>Year 3, Spring French Visiting Student Program (FVSP)³ (includes French 2250 and two courses for which the language of instruction is French)</p>
<p>Year 4, Fall Professional Semester I</p>	<p>Year 4, Spring Professional Semester II</p>
<p>Year 5, Fall Professional Semester III</p>	<p>Year 5, Spring Education Foundation course Education elective Education elective Education elective French 4001 or French 4002⁴</p>
<p>Elementary Education and Special/Inclusive Education students will reverse the Fall and Spring semesters in Year 5 and complete PS III in the Spring.</p>	

¹ Students who have completed French 30 or French 31 (or equivalent) should complete French 1500 and French 2000 in their first year of studies. Students who have completed French Language Arts 30 or Français 30 (or equivalent) should complete French 2001 and a French elective in their first year of studies. Students who have completed none of the previously mentioned courses should begin with French 1000 or 1100 (as indicated by the placement test) and should seek advice on course sequencing from the Department Advisor in Modern Languages.

² Education 2500 may also be taken in Spring or Summer semester.

³ The minimum requirements in the FVSP comprise a total of three courses. Students may wish to take two additional approved courses during this semester or will need to complete two additional Arts and Science courses to satisfy degree requirements.

⁴ Semester of offering may vary.

Terms Used

GLER course: A course that could count toward the General Liberal Education Requirement. You may use courses in your major towards this 12-course requirement. See the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 4 - Academic Regulations (p. 85) for complete information.

The Faculty of Arts and Science offers Liberal Education 1000 and 2000, specifically designed to introduce first-year students to the wide scope of human knowledge and teach essential university success skills, critical thinking, and integrative thinking (see the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 14 - Courses, p. 306). LBED 1000 and 2000 may be used toward satisfying the GLER.

Elective: A course that you may choose freely from all those available and applicable to your program. Use courses inside or outside your major, bearing in mind any restrictions that may apply (e.g., a maximum of 17 courses from any one department).

