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**MEMORANDUM**

 **ATTENTION** Senate **DATE** December 6, 2023  
**FROM** Dilson Rassier, Provost and Vice-President Academic, and Chair, SCUP **PAGES** 1  
**RE:** Program Name Change for the French Language Minor and French Major Bachelor of Arts (SCUP 23-43)

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At its meeting on December 6, 2023, SCUP reviewed and approved the program name change from the French Language Minor to Minor in French and Francophone Studies in the Department of French and the French Major Bachelor of Arts to Major in French and Francophone Studies Bachelor of Arts in the Department of French within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2024.

**Motion:** That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the program name changes from the French Language Minor to Minor in French and Francophone Studies in the Department of French and the French Major, Bachelor of Arts to Major in French and Francophone Studies, Bachelor of Arts in the Department of French within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2024.

### For Information

Included with the name change and approved at SCUS under delegated authority are the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2024:

Requirement changes to the:

- French Language Minor
- French Major

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<b>ATTENTION</b>	Senate Committee on University Priorities	<b>DATE</b>	November 3, 2023
<b>FROM</b>	Kris Magnusson, Chair	<b>PAGES</b>	1/1
	Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies		
<b>RE:</b>	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 23-100)		

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Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of November 2, 2023, gives rise to the following recommendation:

Motion

That SCUP approves and recommends to Senate the program name changes from:

French Language Minor to Minor in French and Francophone Studies in the Department of French within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

French Major Bachelor of Arts to Major in French and Francophone Studies Bachelor of Arts in the Department of French within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

**For Information**

Included with the name change and approved by SCUS under delegated authority are the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2024:

- Requirement changes to the:
- French Language Minor
  - French Major

**The relevant documentation for review by SCUP is attached.**



## Program Name Change

<p><b>Name of Faculty and academic unit:</b></p> <p>Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Department of French</p>
<p><b>Current name of program:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. French Language Minor</li> <li>2. French Major</li> </ol>
<p><b>Proposed program name change:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. French and Francophone Studies Minor</li> <li>2. French and Francophone Studies Major</li> </ol>
<p><b>Rationale for change:</b></p> <p>As part of our process to develop an updated revision of our Minor and Major programs, the name changes are suggested to better reflect the breadth of our field, the changes within it, as well as to be more inclusive of new faculty and student interests.</p> <p>Our revised programs seek to promote an inter/intra-national and inter/intra-disciplinary approach to the investigation of French language and culture in all their diversity, which will offer students opportunities to examine the Francophone world (<i>La Francophonie</i>) in a global context, while also exploring the specificities of more local contexts (Québec, Haïti, Polynesia, etc.) and bearing in mind the complexities of immigration, refugee status, language politics, etc.</p> <p>Importantly, to better reflect and promote our revised programs, we need to also rename them, so as to alert students of their broader focus, which is essential for promoting recruitment.</p> <p>As such, we are proposing a new title proposed for both the Major and the Minor, <i>“in French and Francophone Studies”</i>.</p>
<p><b>Effective term and year:</b></p> <p>Fall 2024</p>
<p><b>The following credential(s) will be affected by this change:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. French Language Minor</li> <li>2. French Major</li> </ol>



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~~French Language Minor~~

**French and Francophone Studies Minor**

~~French Major~~

**French and Francophone Studies Major**



<p><b>Name of Program or Name of Faculty</b></p> <p>Department of French</p>
<p><b>Rationale for change:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Following the external evaluation of the Department of French, which took place in April 2022, a report was drawn up by the evaluators. In this report, the evaluators recommended updating the department's courses and programs. The changes proposed below are in direct response to the external evaluators' recommendations and suggestions. They are also in line with the guidelines we have received from the Dean's office.</li> <li>2. The changes proposed below are also a response to the crisis in student enrolment in the department. The number of enrolments per semester in the department's programs is far too low. The aim of the proposed changes is therefore to increase enrolment in both the Major and Minor programs.</li> <li>3. The proposed changes are also designed to rethink the way the French language is taught (in particular the sequence of language courses at the 100 and 200 levels) and to offer students greater flexibility in the creation of personalized pathways. We no longer wish to work in "silos" but rather in an interdisciplinary way, something that the students themselves have been asking for. We are therefore adapting our program structure to better respond to today's students' expectations.</li> <li>4. In addition, the entry points to both programs have also been revised. This is an important element to emphasize, because we will be working with other programs and departments that may be affected by the proposed changes. In this way, we want to privilege collaboration.</li> <li>5. Finally, in order to better reflect the breadth of our field, we are proposing a new title proposed for both the Major and the Minor, "in French and Francophone Studies" (see Program Name Change Form attached)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Effective term and year:</b></p> <p>Fall 2024</p>
<p><b>The following program(s) will be affected by these changes:</b></p> <p>French Major French Language Minor</p>

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## French Language Minor French and Francophone Studies Minor

~~This program is for students who are enrolled in a degree program (other than French) and who wish to develop an in-depth knowledge of the French language.~~

~~This program is not intended~~

~~a) for students deemed native speakers~~

~~b) for students who completed grade 12 French Immersion~~

~~And, normally, it is not intended for students whose point of entry is FREN 210 or above.~~

~~This minor in French language cannot be combined with another minor in French studies.~~

~~Recommendations for the award of this minor will be made by the Department of French and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.~~

### Program Information

For information about initial FREN course selection, the French language placement test, and FREN course disciplines, visit <http://www.sfu.ca/french/en/undergrad.html>.

### Program Requirements

A minimum of GPA 2.0, calculated on all Simon Fraser University courses that are applied to a minor, is required for successful completion of the program.

### Curriculum Requirements

Students starting at an introductory level must complete the requirements leading to ~~FREN 210~~ **FREN 245 or FREN 275** before taking the courses required for the minor. This may include a placement test, completing other lower division coursework, or a combination of the placement test and coursework. Please refer to the Academic Calendar.

Students will have to complete the ~~12~~ **six** lower division units and ~~15~~ **18** upper division units required to obtain the minor in French language **and Francophone Studies**.

### Lower Division

~~The following required courses are taken in sequence.~~

~~Lower Division: written~~



~~FREN 211 – Intermediate French II (3)  
FREN 221 – French Writing I (3)  
FREN 222 – French Writing II (3)~~

~~Lower Division: oral~~

~~one of~~

~~FREN 215 – Intermediate French: Oral Practice (3)  
FREN 217 – Intermediate French: Oral Practice Through Drama (3)~~

**Students complete a total of six units, including both of**

**FREN 245 – Introduction to Literary Studies (3)  
FREN 275 – French Linguistics Today (3)**

Upper Division

One required course

**Students complete a total of 18 units, including**

FREN 301W - Advanced Writing (3)

**and three of the following courses 15 units of FREN courses, six of which must be from 400 division FREN courses, and the remaining nine FREN units can be from either 300 division or 400 division or a combination. (See FREN courses for details about the FREN courses that the department offers.)**

~~FREN 300 – Advanced French: Oral Practice (3)  
FREN 304 – Advanced French Grammar (3)  
FREN 307 – The Right Word: Advanced Vocabulary and Translation (3)  
FREN 407W – Language in Translation: A Contextual Approach to French (3)~~

~~and one of the following courses~~

~~FREN 330 – Francophone World (3)  
FREN 352 – French and Francophone Cultures through Films and/or Media Texts (3)~~

Course Exemptions

It is possible to obtain exemption, up to a maximum of 12 units, from lower division French language courses by being placed in a more advanced French language course (Placement

~~test). Students who gain, or hope to gain, course exemption should consult the advisor early.~~

### ~~Transfer Credits~~

~~Approved transfer credits for French courses completed at another post-secondary institution (subject to university transfer credits regulations) up to maximum of six units.~~

~~Note: A minimum of 15 upper division units is required, nine of which must be taken within the department.~~

## French Major French and Francophone Studies Major

### Admission Requirements

Students may be formally admitted to the program after successfully completing ~~FREN 210~~ **FREN 245 or FREN 275** (or its equivalent), with a minimum grade of C or better.

For information about initial FREN course selection, the French language placement test, and FREN course disciplines, visit <https://www.sfu.ca/french/undergraduate.html>.

### Program Requirements

Students complete 120 units, as specified below.

Depending upon the point of entry, students must complete the lower division requirements (see list below) with a minimum grade of C or better in each of the specified courses (or equivalents).

### Lower Division Requirements

Students complete a total of ~~18~~ **six** units, including ~~all~~ **both** of

~~FREN 221 – French Writing I (3) \*~~  
~~FREN 222 – French Writing II (3) \*~~  
~~FREN 245 – Introduction to Literary Studies (3)~~  
~~FREN 275 – French Linguistics Today (3)~~

and one of

~~FREN 211 – Intermediate French II (3) \*~~  
~~FREN 212 – French for Immersion Program Students (3)~~



~~and one of~~

~~FREN 215 – Intermediate French: Oral Practice (3) \*~~

~~FREN 217 – Intermediate French: Oral Practice Through Drama (3) \*~~

~~\* exemption is gained by successful completion of a more advanced French language course. Lower division language courses may be challenged for credit.~~

**FREN 245 – Introduction to Literary Studies (3)**

**FREN 275 – French Linguistics Today (3)**

Upper Division Requirements

Students complete a total of 30 units, including

FREN 301W - Advanced Writing (3)

~~and at least one of the following group A courses~~

~~FREN 331 – Accents of French (3)~~

~~FREN 332 – Social Approaches to French (3)~~

~~FREN 333 – The Magic of French Words (3)~~

~~FREN 334 – Topics in French Applied Linguistics (3)~~

~~and at least one of the following group B courses~~

~~FREN 340 – Survey of Quebecois Literature (3)~~

~~FREN 341 – Survey of French Literature to 1600 (3)~~

~~FREN 344 – Survey of French Literature after 1789 (3)~~

~~FREN 345 – Survey of French Literature from 1600 to 1789 (3)~~

and ~~24~~ **27** units of FREN courses, 12 of which must be from 400 division FREN courses, and the remaining ~~nine~~ **15** FREN units can be from either 300 division or 400 division or a combination. (See FREN courses for details about the FREN courses that the department offers.)

NOTE: SFU students enrolled in the accelerated master's program within the Department of French may apply a maximum of 10 graduate course units taken while completing the bachelor's degree to the requirements of the master's degree. For more information go to: <https://www.sfu.ca/gradstudies/apply/programs/accelerated-masters.html> and <https://www.sfu.ca/students/calendar/programs/french/master-of-arts.html>.

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