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MEMORANDUM

 **ATTENTION** Senate **DATE** January 24, 2024
FROM Dilson Rassier, Provost and Vice-President Academic, and Chair, SCUP **PAGES** 1
RE: Program Name Change for the French Language Proficiency Certificate (SCUP 23–43)

At its meeting on January 24, 2024, SCUP reviewed and approved the program name change from the French Language Proficiency Certificate to Certificate in French in the Department of French within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Motion: That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the program name change from the French Language Proficiency Certificate to Certificate in French, 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 Proficiency Certificate

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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate Committee on University Priorities	DATE	January 12, 2024
FROM	Peter Hall, Chair	PAGES	1/1
RE:	Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 24-03)		

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of January 11, 2024, gives rise to the following recommendation:

Motion

That SCUP approves and recommends to Senate the program name change from Certificate in French Language Proficiency to Certificate in French 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 Proficiency Certificate

The relevant documentation for review by SCUP is attached.



Program Name Change

<p>Name of Faculty and academic unit: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Department of French</p>
<p>Current name of program: French Language Proficiency</p>
<p>Proposed program name change: French</p>
<p>Rationale for change: As part of our process to develop an updated revision of all our programs, the name change is 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. Our revised program seeks 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. Importantly, to better reflect and promote our program, we need to also rename it, so as to alert students of their broader focus, which is essential for promoting recruitment.</p>
<p>Effective term and year: September 2024</p>
<p>The following <u>credential(s)</u> will be affected by this change: French Language Proficiency Certificate</p>

Calendar Change: “to” and “from” sections are not required. All deletions should be crossed out as follows: ~~sample~~. All additions should be marked by a **bold**.

French Language Proficiency	French
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Name of Program or Name of Faculty

Department of French

Rationale for change:

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.
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 our French certificate program.
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.
4. We are also changing the name of this program to better reflect its content and objectives.

Effective term and year: Fall 2024

The following program(s) will be affected by these changes:

French Language Proficiency Certificate

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French ~~Language Proficiency~~
CERTIFICATE

~~This program is for students who may or may not be enrolled in a degree program and who wish to improve oral and written French proficiency. It is also for those who wish to enhance their knowledge of the language for cultural or professional needs. The program is not intended for native French speakers.~~

This program is for students who may or may not be enrolled in a degree program and who wish to improve their French. It is also for those who wish to enhance their knowledge of the language for cultural or professional needs.

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

Admission Requirements

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

Program Requirements

~~Program completion normally takes five to six terms~~

~~A minimum 2.5 grade point average (GPA) is calculated on all Simon Fraser University courses that are applied to the certificate. Duplicate courses are counted only once.~~

~~Students complete a total of 30 units, including all of~~

~~FREN 210 – Intermediate French I (3)~~

~~FREN 221 – French Writing I (3)~~

~~FREN 222 – French Writing II (3)~~

~~FREN 301W – Advanced Writing (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)~~

~~and one of~~

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

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

~~and nine units from any other upper division FREN courses (excluding FREN 120, 121, 122, 198, and 342).~~

~~The following courses are recommended.~~

~~FREN 300 – Advanced French: Oral Practice (3)~~

~~FREN 304 – Advanced French Grammar (3)~~

~~FREN 330 – Francophone World (3)~~

A minimum 2.5 grade point average (GPA) is calculated on all Simon Fraser University courses that are applied to the certificate.

Duplicate courses are counted only once.

Students complete a total of 18 units, at least 6 of which must be from 200 division FREN courses and at least 3 of which must be from 300 division FREN courses. Students may choose between language, literature, linguistics or cultural studies courses.

The following courses are recommended.

FREN 245 - Introduction to Literary Studies (3)

FREN 275 - French Linguistics Today (3)

FREN 301W - Advanced Writing (3)

Course Exemptions



~~It is possible to obtain exemption, up to a maximum of 12 units, from required lower division French language courses by being placed in a more advanced French language course. Exempted courses must be replaced with credit obtained by~~

~~• approved transfer credit for French courses completed at another postsecondary institution (subject to university transfer credit regulations), up to a maximum of six units~~

~~• challenge credit for exempted courses (subject to university regulations governing approval of challenge credit), up to a maximum of six units~~

~~• successful completion of other French courses at the university, excluding FREN 120, 121, 122, 198, and 342.~~

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

In accordance with the university's certificate regulations, units for the certificate may be applied also to majors or extended minors or to a bachelor's degree.