FRENCH - FRC

FRC 103 Introductory French I  3 Credits
Reading, writing, listening and speaking. Introduction to French and francophone cultures. Almost exclusive use of French in class.
Offered: every fall.

FRC 104 Introductory French II  3 Credits
Reading, writing, listening and speaking. Introduction to French and francophone cultures. Almost exclusive use of French in class.
Prerequisite: minimum grade of C in FRC 103 or equivalent (generally two to three years of high school French) or permission of the Chair.
Offered: spring.

FRC 215 Intermediate French  3 Credits
This course is designed as a thorough review of grammatical structures. Also emphasized is the building of vocabulary, increasing competence in the four skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) and gaining an overview of Francophone cultures. Exclusive use of French in class.
Prerequisite: minimum grade of C in FRC 104 or two or three years of high school French.
Offered: fall.

FRC 217 Intermediate French II  3 Credits
This course is designed to thoroughly develop the four skills necessary for proficiency in French: reading, writing, listening and speaking. Also emphasized is the building of vocabulary in authentic cultural and literary contexts. Students will be introduced to the discussion of a full-length novel. The class is conducted in French.
Offered: fall.

FRC 300 Intermediate Internship  3 Credits
Is an internship designed to provide a six-week immersion experience at the intermediate, low-advanced level. Students who participate in this program will serve as teaching assistants for English at the Ecole Nouvelle Meudon in a suburb of Paris. They will enhance their knowledge of French language and French culture through a homestay with host families and through their attendance in art and history classes delivered at the school. Students will be assessed on their involvement in the assistantship program at La Source and on the weekly reports that they will submit via a D2L platform dedicated to this program.
Prerequisites: min grade of C in FRC 217.

FRC 323 Topics in Conversation I  3 Credits
Contemporary communication skills emphasized in general exploration of contemporary culture of the Francophone world. Exclusive use of French in class. Phonetics included.
Prerequisite: minimum grade of C in FRC 217 or equivalent or permission of department chair.
Offered: fall.

FRC 324 French Composition through Literature  3 Credits
Distinguishing and producing effective and personal writing of different types - essays, correspondence, descriptions, self-portraits, and reports - through the analysis of the major literary currents of French literature, its canons, techniques and major contributions. Selected works of prose, poetry, and theater are discussed. Exclusive use of French in class.
Prerequisite: minimum grade of C in FRC 217 or equivalent or permission of department chair.
Offered: spring.

FRC 332 Substance and Style: Effective Writing in French  3 Credits
Distinguishing and producing effective writing of different types: essay, narrative, description, self-portrait, report, curriculum vitae, and correspondence. Exclusive use of French in class.
Prerequisite: minimum grade of C in FRC 217 or equivalent or permission of department chair.
Offered: spring.

FRC 400 French Internship  3 Credits
Professional Internship. Open to ALL majors, though intermediate French knowledge expected. Internships require an application and approval by the associate dean.
Prerequisite: permission of the department chair & associate dean.

FRC 417 The French and Francophone World at Work  3 Credits
This course will embark on a study of French and francophone working society at large. The practical approach will lead students to develop a series of written and oral artifacts, designed to provide a realistic experience with working in a French context. Interviews, cover letters, CVs, goals and objectives, and negotiation will be practiced. In parallel, the course, which will be conducted entirely in French, will discuss the French and francophone work force in its wide- ranging social and economic facets. The major questions of work time, innovation, legislation, life-work balance, as well as integration in global competition, will be envisioned.
Prerequisites: minimum grade of C or better in FRC 217 or FRC 332, and C or better in FRC 323 or FRC 324, or permission of instructor.
Offered: Fall, every 3 years

FRC 427 Identities and Globalization  3 Credits
In the broader context of a globalized world, this course will examine the integration and resistance of identities through a discussion of the institutions of post-war France and the technological developments, and evolution of political structures, with a particular emphasis on current events and contemporary media. This class is entirely conducted in French.
Prerequisites: minimum grade of C or better in FRC 217 or FRC 332, and C or better in FRC 323 or FRC 324, or permission of instructor.

FRC 433 Survey of French and Francophone Literature  3 Credits
Selected readings of literary works from France and the Francophone world. Exclusive use of French in class.
Prerequisites: minimum grade of C or better in FRC 217 or FRC 332, and C or better in FRC 323 or FRC 324, or permission of instructor.

FRC 439 French and Francophone History and Culture Through Film II  3 Credits
A continuation of FRC 437. Via feature-length films and documentaries, selected topics in contemporary issues of French and Francophone societies are explored. Exclusive use of French in class.
Prerequisite: minimum grade of C or better in FRC 217 or FRC 332, and C or better in FRC 323 or FRC 324, or permission of instructor.
FRC 447 Territories and Cultures of the French & Francophone world: conquest/resistance/dev't & conservation  3 Credits
The territories of the francophone world, spread over four continents, are the legacy of cultural and historical constructions, conflicts and ideals. What were the contributions of travelers such as Chateaubriand, Rousseau or Champlain to our knowledge and perception of Syria, Lebanon or Quebec? How does the colonial past affect the infrastructure of modern-day Asia and Africa? What were the different stages of occupation and transformation of the Bay of Tonkin? What were the sites of the Algerian resistance, and who were the leaders of the Maghreb Awakening? The course will explore these kinds of questions through the writings of francophone authors. Through the work of Maryse Condé, the unique biotope of the mangrove in Guadeloupe and its creole culture will be analyzed together. With the historian Fernand Braudel, the topic of France as part of the greater Mediterranean world will be debated. The course will also include a discussion of the transformation of the territories, their usages and perception, through Michel Houellebecq's thought-provoking essay, “The Map and the Territory.” Between development and conservation, the changing roles of tourism and agriculture, as former adversaries and new allies, will also be part of this trans-disciplinary study.
Prerequisite: FRC 217.
Offered: Spring of even-numbered years.

FRC 452 Tour de l'Amerique du Nord: Following the French in North America  3 Credits
Exploration of the rich history of the French in North America from the time of Nouvelle France, La Guerre de la Conquete and Le Grand Derangement (the uprooting of the Acadian People) to the present day reemergence of language reacquisition among the multiple Franco-American communities in the United States.
Prerequisites: minimum grade of C or better in FRC 217 or FRC 332, and C or better in FRC 323 or FRC 324, or permission of instructor.

FRC 453 War and Memory  3 Credits
Exploration of the events of World War II and the Occupation of France and their major role in the cultural and economic forces at work in contemporary France. Students will discuss particularly the mentality and demeanor of the French, the permanent and evolving traits of French society and the grounding of French culture.
Prerequisites: minimum grade of C or better in FRC 217 or FRC 332, and C or better in FRC 323 or FRC 324, or permission of instructor.

FRC 454 Heritages Francophones  3 Credits
Examination of the Francophone cultures in the United States and Canada. The communities explored include descendants of Acadians in the St. John Valley of Maine and the maritime provinces of Canada; the Cajun populations of Louisiana; the Haitian community in Miami; and the immigrants from Africa, Asia, and Europe.
Prerequisites: minimum grade of C or better in FRC 217 or FRC 332, and C or better in FRC 323 or FRC 324, or permission of instructor.

FRC 490 French Capstone Project  1 Credit
Graduating majors will collect a portfolio of their work during their time at Canisius. Students will summarize their experience of studying Spanish through a 5-10 page reflective paper (written in the target language) discussing the progress they have made in skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening) and knowledge (culture). Students will also summarize how their knowledge of Spanish will impact their futures (graduate school, year of service, career, community, personal life). In this reflection, students should also synthesize the three areas of extracurricular experience and their impact on their skills and cultural knowledge: A) Study Abroad; B) Service Learning, Internships/Volunteer sites; C) Cultural Activities. Students should also critique the program, and suggest improvements to curriculum. The final project will conclude with an oral presentation of the above, with Q&A, for peers and faculty. This course will be required of all graduating majors entering AY 17/18 (graduation 2021 and later). Current students are strongly encouraged to register.
Prerequisite: successful completion of all other requirements in the major (may be concurrently registered in final elective).
Offered: every fall and spring semester.

FRC 499 Independent Study  3 Credits
Independent study requires permission of the chair and associate dean. Independent studies require an application and approval by the associate dean.
Prerequisite: minimum grade of C or better in FRC 217 or FRC 332, and C or better in FRC 323 or FRC 324, or permission of instructor.