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**CURRICULUM PROPOSAL COVER SHEET**  
University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

**I. CONTACT**

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**II. PROPOSAL TYPE (Check All Appropriate Lines)**

- COURSE**
- New Course\*** Suggested 20 character title
- Course Revision** Course Number and Full Title
- Liberal Studies Approval +** Course Number and Full Title  
**for new or existing course**
- Course Deletion** Course Number and Full Title
- Number and/or Title Change** Old Number and/or Full Old Title
- Course or Catalog Description Change** New Number and/or Full New Title
- Course or Catalog Description Change** Course Number and Full Title

- PROGRAM:**        Major        Minor        Track
- New Program\***
- Program Revision\*** Minor -- French Program Name
- Program Deletion\*** Program Name
- Title Change** Old Program Name
- New Program Name

**III. Approvals (signatures and date)**

[Signature] Department Curriculum Committee  
[Signature] College Curriculum Committee  
Robert G. Whitmer Department Chair  
[Signature] College Dean  
[Signature] Provost (where applicable)

+ Director of Liberal Studies (where applicable)

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## Part II. DESCRIPTION OF CURRICULUM CHANGE

### 1. Catalog Description:

#### **Department of French**

**Renée Liscinsky, Chair; Henry, Hurt, Jones, McCreary, op de Beeck; and professor emeritus Fisel**

The Department of French offers a varied curriculum designed to provide not only basic language instruction but also the more advanced competencies needed by language specialists and students hoping to take advantage of an international study experience.

For the French major, the department has three degree programs: the B.A. in French, the B.A. in French for International Trade, and the B.S. in French Education (K-12). The degree program in French for International Trade provides the solid undergraduate training preparatory to an M.B.A. in International Marketing and Finance.

Students majoring in French will acquire proficiency in all phases of language and enter more deeply into the history, culture, and literature of Francophone countries. They will also gain knowledge of the linguistic development of the language throughout the centuries. French majors generally find employment in government work, librarianship, journalism, foreign trade, airlines, tourism, business and teaching. Students choosing careers as teachers will find the close supervision and advanced methodology offered by the department a distinct asset.

#### **College Language Requirements**

Students in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and in most departments of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics must pass the intermediate sequence of a foreign language (in French, FR201-FR202 or FR203) or demonstrate that they have somehow acquired the equivalent proficiency level. Students from the other colleges may choose to take French (FR201 and FR202 or the accelerated FR203) to fulfill a Liberal Studies elective. Any student who chooses French has an option to enroll in the traditional three-credits-per-semester courses or the accelerated six-credit track.

#### **Placement/Exemption**

The student with no previous French study will take FR101 (four credits) as a prerequisite. Students with previous French study will be placed into the appropriate course level by means of a written departmental exam administered in the summer for entering freshmen and during the first week of the semester for other students. No student judged to be a native speaker of French will be allowed to enroll in any course below the 300 level, with the exception of FR254.

#### **Study Abroad -- Nancy, France**

IUP has established a study abroad center in Nancy, France. All majors are encouraged to participate in the Study Abroad Program, especially those seeking the International Trade degree. Students have an option to participate in a full-year or one-semester (spring) program. A six-week summer session has also been added to the options available. Nonmajors may be accepted into any of the programs and, unless they have advanced proficiency, must enter the language courses offered in the *Cours pour étrangers* (Courses for Foreign Students). All foreign program credits are evaluated by the department as transfer credits. For further information about cost and application procedures, contact the French Department.

## Internships

The Department of French, through contacts with certain French companies and through its affiliation with the ICN (*Institut Commercial de Nancy*), is able to place interns in Paris and other sites in France. The internship (generally six to twelve credits) is viewed as a highly desirable culminating experience following study in Nancy. For further information, contact the French Department at least six months in advance.

## Minor -- French

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### Required Courses:

FR201-202 College French I and II	6sh
FR321 Intermediate French Conversation	3sh
FR351 French Grammar	3sh
FR353 Intermediate French Composition	3sh
FR361 Introduction to French Literature	3sh

### Controlled Elective:

One course from the following list:	3sh
FR253, FR363, FR365, FR366, FR421, FR422	

## 2. Summary of Changes: Minor -- French

### a. Table comparing old and new programs:

<b>Minor -- French:</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Required Courses:</b>	
FR201 College French I	3sh
FR202 College French II	3sh
FR221 Conversation III	2sh
FR222 Conversation IV	2sh
FR321 Advanced Conversation I	1sh
FR322 Advanced Conversation II	1sh
FR351 Advanced French I	3sh
FR352 Advanced French II	3sh
FR361 Development of Fr. Cult. and Lit. I	3sh

<b>Minor -- French:</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Required Courses:</b>	
No change	3sh
No change	3sh
FR321 Intermediate Fr. Conv.	3sh
Deleted as course	
Deleted as requirement	
Deleted as course	
FR351 French Grammar	3sh
FR353 Intermediate Fr. Comp.	3sh
FR361 Intro. to French Lit.	3sh

### Controlled Elective:

One course from list:	
FR253 Intermediate Comp. and Conv.	3sh
FR363 French Civilization	3sh
FR365 French Lit.: Med.-17th	3sh
FR366 French Lit.: 18th-20th	3sh
FR421 Adv. Fr. Conversation	3sh
FR422 Fr. Phonetics	3sh

b. List all associated course changes

The following is a summary of course changes ABOVE the FR101-203 levels. The "service course" (i.e., FR101-203) revision was approved in 1992.

TO BE DELETED

FR221 Conversation III  
 FR222 Conversation IV  
 FR255 Art of Translation  
 FR321 Advanced Conversation I  
 FR322 Advanced Conversation II  
 FR351 Advanced French I  
 FR352 Advanced French II  
 FR361 Development of French Culture and Literature I  
 FR362 Development of French Culture and Literature II  
 FR363 Medieval and Renaissance Literature  
 FR365 Seventeenth-Century French Literature  
 FR366 Eighteenth-Century French Literature  
 FR367 Nineteenth-Century French Literature  
 FR368 Twentieth-Century French Literature  
 FR371 The French Novel  
 FR372 Studies in Contemporary French Literature

NEW COURSES (some of which use the numbers from deleted courses)

FR321 Intermediate French Conversation  
 FR351 French Grammar  
 FR353 Intermediate French Composition  
 FR361 Introduction to French Literature  
 FR363 French Civilization  
 FR365 French Literature from Medieval through 17th Century  
 FR366 French Literature from 18th through 20th Century  
 FR421 Advanced French Conversation  
 FR422 French Phonetics and Phonology  
 FR451 Advanced French Grammar  
 FR461 Studies in French Literature  
 FR462 Studies in French Language and Linguistics  
 FR463 Studies in French Culture and Civilization

Part II. DESCRIPTION OF CURRICULUM CHANGE (continued)

3. Rationale for change:

- *Rationale for restructuring the Minor in French*

The restructuring of the French majors' core will have little impact on students electing a French minor. Hopefully the possibility of taking major courses earlier will encourage students minoring in French to participate in the semester, year-long, or summer study abroad programs.

- *Rationale for restructuring the grammar courses*

Currently French grammar is taught in a six-hour sequence normally taken during the sophomore year (FR351-FR352). Graduates have expressed the need for a refresher course in either the junior or senior year. To that end the committee is proposing two separate courses: FR351 French Grammar (3 credits), which can be taken in either the freshman or sophomore year, and FR451 Advanced French Grammar (3 credits) to be taken during the junior or senior year.

- *Rationale for restructuring the conversation courses*

Presently a French major must enroll in six credit hours of French conversation: FR221 Conversation III (2 credits); FR222 Conversation IV (2 credits); FR321 Advanced Conversation I (1 credit); FR322 Advanced Conversation II (1 credit). Usually a French major takes the Intermediate Conversation sequence in the freshman year before having adequately mastered all the structures and before having acquired sufficient vocabulary to carry out conversation. The advanced conversation courses are highly unstructured (since they can be repeated for credit) and although students meet for two hours/week, only one credit is awarded. The proposed revision includes two three-credit conversation courses: FR321 Intermediate French Conversation (3 credits) and FR421 Advanced French Conversation (3 credits). The former will be taken after completion of FR202 College French II. FR421 will become a more structured course with specific objectives and prerequisites and allow for more sophisticated discussions in the target language.

- *Rationale for restructuring the culture/literature courses*

Students now go into a survey of culture and literature when they are really not prepared for these courses. Our current curriculum requires a six-hour sequence (FR361-362) which combines culture with a survey of literature from medieval through the twentieth century. We propose that the culture and literary content be taught separately rather than in one course. We also propose an Introduction to French Literature (FR361) which will be a well-structured introduction to all genres, literary movements and terminology. The catalog now lists a number of literature courses, such as FR367 Nineteenth-Century French Literature, etc. Since more and more of our majors are spending either a semester or year abroad, students graduate without completing the full cycle of literary periods. We propose to eliminate all existing literature courses and replace them with those listed above. (See Part II 2b, under "New Courses," especially new courses FR361 Introduction to French Literature, FR365 French Literature from Medieval through 17th Century, FR366 French Literature from 18th through 20th Century, and FR461 Studies in French Literature.) The current requirement of FR361-362 Development of French Culture and Literature I & II is to be replaced with a new requirement of FR361 Introduction to French Literature and FR363 French Civilization. The current controlled electives of FR363, 365, 366, 367, 368, 371 and 372 (i.e., all existing literature courses) are to be replaced with the new courses FR365 and 366, both required for the B.A. in French, one required for the B.A. in French for International Trade and one included as a controlled elective for the B.S. in Education.

### Part III. IMPLEMENTATION

1. As explained in the rationale sections, these program changes reduce the number of elective courses and rearrange the chronology of some major requirements. Most of the course content previously offered has been reintroduced under new course numbers and syllabi into the new, streamlined programs. Thus students who are in the program will still be able to complete the requirements of the old program by taking departmentally approved substitutes for the courses formerly required. The department will NOT be able to offer parallel programs for students in BOTH the former and revised major programs.
2. These revisions offer a more rational system of meeting standard French major program objectives. While objectives have not changed in the aggregate, they are met with fewer course offerings, many of which were rarely if ever actually taught. Thus, no additional faculty needs are foreseen as a result of these revisions.
3. Other resource requirements will not change.
4. We believe that our programs will continue to attract a modest but stable number of majors. Since these revisions offer a more rational integration of our foreign study and internship programs into our majors, the excellent opportunity to study and gain experience abroad should appeal to larger numbers of talented and serious students. No unmanageable increase is anticipated.

### Part IV. COURSE PROPOSALS

Accompanying the four program revision statements, please find the list of courses to be deleted and, in the later portion of this document, the full proposals and syllabi for new courses.

### Part V. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

N/A