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CURRICULUM PROPOSAL COVER SHEET  
University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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II. PROPOSAL TYPE (Check All Appropriate Lines)

FR 361 COURSE

Intro. French Lit.

370

Suggested 20 character code

New Course\*

FR 361 Introduction to French Literature

Course Number and Full Title

Course Revision

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Course or Catalog Description Change

Course Number and Full Title

PROGRAM: Major Minor Track

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## I. Catalog Description

~~FR361~~ Introduction to French Literature

~~FR370~~

Prerequisite: FR351 or FR353

3 credits  
3 lecture hours  
(3c-01-3sh)

This course is designed to develop students' French reading skills, to provide tools for literary interpretation of texts, and to introduce major literary works of France and the French-speaking world.

## II. Course Objectives

1. Students will be able to use the standard literary tools of close reading and explication de texte to interpret and articulate response to moderately sophisticated works of prose, poetry and theater written in French.
2. Students will be able to read longer prose texts that have a clear underlying structure. They will grasp main ideas and facts. Texts include simple short stories, correspondence and non-technical material written for the general reader.
3. Students will understand the relationship of a variety of texts to general French cultural history, the development of genre, and general humanist content and themes. Therefore, texts chosen by the instructor will reflect the following guidelines:
  - a. Students should read at least 100 pages of French text total.
  - b. Texts should reflect periods over a span of 300 years minimum.
  - c. Some attempt should be made to "gender balance" authors and content.
  - d. Texts should be drawn from three basic genres: prose, poetry, and theater.
4. Students will be able to write in French a diary of response to works read. By the course's end they will write, in reasonably correct, edited form, a simplified version of an explication de texte of some French literary text.

## III. Course Outline

- Week 1      Introductions to reading strategies
- Weeks 2-4    Montaigne (modern adaptation), Madame de la Fayette, Racine, **Exam 1**
- Weeks 5-8    Voltaire, Rousseau, **Analytic paper due**, Balzac, **Exam 2**
- Weeks 9-12   Zola, Proust, **Explication de texte exercise due**, Sartre, Beauvoir, **Exam 3**
- Weeks 13-14 Michel Tournier, Marguerite Duras, **Final edited Explication de texte due**

## IV. Evaluation Methods

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| 3 exams                              | 45% |
| Cumulative final exam                | 15% |
| 3 written assignments:               |     |
| Analytic paper                       | 10% |
| <u>Explication de texte</u> exercise | 10% |
| Final <u>Explication de texte</u>    | 10% |
| Homework exercises and quizzes       | 10% |

The individual instructor will determine the interpretation of accumulated grades according to the syllabus s/he distributes at the course's beginning. Normal French Department practice is as follows: A = 90-100%; B = 80-89%; C = 70-79%; D = 60-69%; below 59% = failure.

## V. Required Textbook(s), Supplemental Books and Readings

Nony, Danielle. La Littérature française: Histoire and Anthologie. Paris: Bordas, 1988.

## VI. Special Resource Requirements

None.

## VII. Bibliography

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## Course Analysis Questionnaire

### Details of the Course

- A1. This is a course requirement for all French degree programs. It is open to students who have completed FR351 French Grammar or FR353 Intermediate French Composition, or who have been placed at this level by the French faculty upon assessment of past language experience and placement test results.
- A2. Yes. See accompanying description of French major curriculum revision and relevant course deletions.
- A3. No
- A4. No
- A5. No variable credit. N/A
- A6. Yes. This configuration of courses was developed from a study of five institutions known for their active, progressive French programs and comparable to IUP in size. Thus these courses or others like them are offered by:  
 Millersville University of Pennsylvania, University of Delaware, Ohio University,  
 Miami of Ohio, SUNY at Albany
- A7. Yes. These revised courses reflect content and skills commonly recommended or required by professional and accrediting institutions like The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language, The Modern Language Association, Middle States, and NCATE. This new curriculum will allow incorporation of this material into a program typically completed in six or seven semesters, so as to encourage study and internship programs in Nancy, France.

### Interdisciplinary implications

- B1. One instructor.
- B2. These are courses in the French language, culture and literature. There is not a conflict.
- B3. Yes

### Implementation

- C1. Faculty is adequate. These revisions were made with current faculty in mind.
- C2. None.
- C3. No grant funding is needed.
- C4. Yearly.
- C5. One.
- C6. 20 - 25.
- C7. Yes. The Modern Language Association recommends class maximums of 25 students.

### Miscellaneous