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NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST
Undergraduate Programs

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Department

College Wilkes Honors College

Program Name
Minor Concentration in French And Francophone Studies

☐ **New Program***

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Effective Date
(TERM & YEAR)
Fall 2026

Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.

The attached proposed revisions would replace the current description of the Minor Concentration in French. The most significant change is the elimination of references to specific required French courses. In their place, the revised description states that the minor is satisfied by the completion of five courses at the intermediate level or above with the prefixes FRE, FRW, or FRT. I have included tables indicating which courses may be counted toward the minor.

The rationale for these revisions is included in the attached document.

*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.

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Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation

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Email this form and attachments to mjenning@fau.edu seven business days before the UUPC meeting.

New degree requirements for the minor:

MINOR CONCENTRATION IN FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES

Advisory board: Dr. Nancy Tille-Victorica

Students at the Wilkes Honors College who wish to add a Minor Concentration in French to their major concentration may do so by completing 15–17 credits in French. This requirement is fulfilled through five courses at the intermediate level or above with the prefix FRE/FRW/FRT, listed below.

Course #	Course Name	Credits
FRE/FRT/FRW	5 Honors courses, each of 3 or 4 credits at the 2000-, 3000- or 4000- level	
	Total Credits	**15-17**

Courses Offered at the Honors College that Count Toward the Minor:

Course #	Course Name	Credits
FRE2220	Honors Intermediate French Language and Culture I	4
FRE2221	Honors Intermediate French Language and Culture II	4
FRE2957	Honors French Language and Culture Study Abroad	1-6
FRE3400	Honors Advanced French Language and Culture I	3
FRE3957	Honors French or Francophone Culture Study Abroad	1-6
FRE4502	Honors Francophone Language and Culture	2-4
FRE4915	Honors Directed Independent Research in French Language and Culture	1-3
FRE4930	Honors Special Topics in French Language Studies	2-4
FRT2510	Honors Francophone Cultures and Civilizations	3
FRW3112	Honors Introduction to Francophone Literature	3
FRW4905	Honors Directed Independent Study in French	1-3
FRW4915	Honors Directed Independent Research in French Literature	1-3
FRW4957	Honors French or Francophone Literature Study Abroad	1-6

Students pursuing the Minor Concentration in French should enroll in Honors FRE/FRW/FRT courses whenever possible. When Honors courses are unavailable, permission to register for a non-Honors section from Boca of the following courses may be granted by Prof. Tille-Victorica.

Additional Non-Honors Courses Offered Online on a Regular Basis:

FRE3393	Culture et Societe: Cinema	3
FRE3440	Commercial French	3
FRE4850	Structure of Modern French	3
FRE4930	Special Topics in French Language Studies	1-3
FRW4930	Special Topics in French Literature	1-3

The Wilkes Honors College also offers a faculty-led Summer Abroad Program in Paris and Aix-en-Provence. Students may complete up to seven Honors credits toward the minor while studying in France during the summer. More information is available here: https://www.fau.edu/global/goabroad/faculty-led-programs/2026/aix-paris-france.php

The Minor Concentration in French and Francophone Studies is an official academic credential that appears on the student's Wilkes Honors College transcript upon graduation. Completion of the minor demonstrates academic competency in French as well as sustained engagement with Francophone cultures.

Students who enter the Wilkes Honors College with no prior experience in French may declare the minor after completing Honors FRE 1120 Beginning French Language and Culture 1 and Honors FRE 1121 Beginning French Language and Culture 2, the two-course sequence that fulfills FAU's foreign language requirement. Students who place at the intermediate level may begin the minor directly. Students who place at the advanced level, as well as native speakers of French, may begin the minor at the 3000 level. Students with prior experience in French must take the French Placement Test to confirm placement at the appropriate level (https://www.fau.edu/artsandletters/llcl/french/fre/ , please email a screenshot of your score to Prof. Tille-Victorica).

For general information about the Minor Concentration in French and Francophone Studies, to declare the minor, or to request permission to register for French courses, please contact Prof. Tille-Victorica at ntillevictorica@fau.edu.

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A. Proposed Changes: Updated Program Description

Above is what should appear to replace the current description: https://www.fau.edu/honors/academics/minor-concentrations/french/

B. Rationale for Changes:

1. Greater flexibility is essential to attracting more students to complete the minor concentration. These revisions bring the program into closer alignment with the more flexible requirements of the Department of Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature (LLCL).

2. Under the current structure, students who begin French study at the advanced 3000 level are not able to receive a substitution for Honors FRE 2221. The new proposed version offers that flexibility.

3. Under the current structure, students who study abroad and wish to take the equivalents of Honors FRE 2220, FRE 2221, FRE 3400, or FRW 3112 are unable to substitute Honors FRE 2957, FRE 3957, and FRW 4957 for those courses while also receiving study abroad credit toward

their graduation requirements. At present, DARS recognizes study abroad credit only for FRE 2957, FRE 3957, and FRW 4957. The new proposal will fix this issue.

4. Prof. Tille-Victorica cannot offer Honors FRE 2220/2221 and upper-level courses every year. Students should therefore be permitted to take those courses through LLCL when they are not available through the Honors College. Because sustained and continuous study is essential for success in a foreign language, requiring students to wait more than a year for a course to be offered is not pedagogically sound and may hinder their progress toward fluency.

Current degree requirements for the minor:

Minor Concentration in French and Francophone Studies

Advisory board: Dr. Nancy Tille-Victorica

Track 1 – French Language Learners

Course #	Course Name
FRE2220	Honors Intermediate French Language and Culture I
FRE2221	Honors Intermediate French Language and Culture II
FRE3400	Honors Advanced French Language and Culture I
FRE/FRW/FRT and/or 1 open course (see below)	2 Honors Elective courses, each of 3 or 4 credits at the 2000-, 3000- or 4000-
	Total Credits

French language learners who test out of FRE2220 by taking the French placement test will need to substitute FRE2220 with another elective course of either 3 or 4 credits after successfully completing FRE2221. These students might complete the Minor Concentration in French and Francophone Studies with 17 credits instead of 18.

Track 2 – Native and Heritage French Language Speakers

Course #	**Course Name**
FRE2221	Honors Intermediate French Language and Culture II
FRE3400	Honors Advanced French Language and Culture I
FRE/FRW/FRT and/or 1 open course (see below)	3 Honors Elective courses, each of 3 or 4 credit courses at the 2000-, 3000- or
	Total Credits

Possible electives offered at the Honors College

Course #	**Course**
FRT2510	Honors Francophone Culture and Civilizations, 3 credits

Course #	Course
FRE4502	Honors Francophone Language and Culture, 3 credits
FRW3112	Honors Introduction to Francophone Literatures, 3 credits
FRW4905	Honors Directed Independent Study, 3 credits
FRE2957	Honors French Language and Culture Study Abroad, 3-6 credits
FRE3957	Honors French or Francophone Culture Study Abroad, 3-6 credits
Open	One 3-credit Honors course, DIS, or IDS in which over 50% of the course program is about the F (e.g. history, art, politics, philosophy, etc.). Pre-approval from the Advisory Board to count this c required.

Possible non-honors course electives offered at FAU on the Boca campus or online.
Students may count up to two 3-credit non-honors FAU courses towards the minor.

Course #	Course
FRE3393	Culture et Société: Cinéma, 3 credits
FRE3401	Advanced French Language and Culture 2, 4 credits
FRE3340	French for Bilinguals, 3 credits (Track 2 only)
FRE3440	Commercial French, 3 credits
FRE3442	Advanced Commercial French, 3 credits
FRE3780	Prononciation et Phonétique, 3 credits (Track 1 only)

Other courses offered at FAU at the 3000 level or above may be used with prior approval of the Advisory Board.