

**Grand Valley State University**  
**CLAS Academic Advising Center**  
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**Teaching Endorsement Planned Program**  
**French Minor – Secondary Education**

Student Name:

Date:

Email Address:

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Transfer Institution(s):

The French minor begins at the 300 level. Placement can be determined by previous coursework or a language placement test taken at the Language Resource Center (D-2-221 MAK; 616-331-2507). If you have not been using French regularly since any previous coursework, you are encouraged to take the language placement test or speak to a French Faculty Advisor for assistance with appropriate placement.

**Study Abroad:** French minors interested in teacher certification are required to study abroad for at least one semester (12-15 credits at the 300-level) in a French-language study abroad program. Program must be approved prior to study abroad by a faculty advisor in French and can be used to fulfill minor requirement courses. This is applicable for students who start fall 2014 and later. Students who are unable to complete the study abroad requirement will need to complete an alternative plan approved by the French Study Abroad Committee. Please meet with a French faculty advisor as soon as possible to discuss your options. If you have previously lived or studied abroad, please contact your French faculty advisor to determine if these experiences will work to fulfill the study abroad requirement.

Key: ✓ - Completed or In Progress    W - Waived    Highlighted - Still Needs to be Completed

Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Completed	Scheduled	Grade	Quality Points
FRE 301	Introduction to Literature	3				
FRE 304	French Conversation	3				
FRE 306	French Composition	3				
FRE 307	Advanced French Grammar	3				
FRE 314	Secondary Foreign Language Teaching Methods	3				
FRE 355	French Linguistics	3				
<i>Take 6 credit hours of FRE 300 or 400 level courses</i>						
FRE ____		3				
FRE ____		3				
Study Abroad	Program:	Country:			Semester completed:	

**Total Credits needed: 24 (beyond 202 level)**

**Cumulative major GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (3.0 GPA required for Certification)**

**Special Considerations:**

## Requirements for French Education Students

### Michigan Department of Education (2004) Standards for Foreign Language Teachers:

Teacher candidates must demonstrate a proficiency level of *advanced-low* in all four skill levels. This applies to major and minors.

- Reading
  - Writing
  - Listening
  - Speaking -
- } assessed on MTTC
- } assessed via Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)

The MTTC covers six areas: listening comprehension, writing proficiency, reading proficiency, grammar and language comparisons, pedagogy, and culture. The MTTC should not be taken until you have completed 90% of your content area course work. Because it addresses pedagogy, FRE 314, should be taken prior to taking the exam.

### What does Advanced-low proficiency look like?

Advanced-level proficiency requires that students are able to participate in most informal conversations and a variety of formal conversations on topics related to school, home, leisure activities, work, and current events. They are able to narrate and describe in the past, present, and future in paragraph length discourse (combining and linking sentences). They are also able to discuss some abstract topics and support some opinions (characteristics of the superior level).

### When should I take the OPI?

**It is highly recommended that students complete a practice OPI before signing up for the actual test.** Practice tests are administered by a department faculty member. (Janel Pettes Guikema [pettesj@gvsu.edu](mailto:pettesj@gvsu.edu))

We also advise that students take the OPI as soon as possible upon returning from a study abroad.

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Substitutions, Equivalencies, and Waivers Approved by:**

**Date:**

**Prepared by:**

**Date:**

**Academic Departmental Approval (pending completion of highlighted requirements):**

**Date:**