

French

Guilford's Quaker heritage has assured a continuing interest in the study of language as an instrument of international understanding. Courses are offered in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, and Spanish.

Entering students take a placement test upon arrival to determine their level in a previously studied language. Students may place out of the one semester (101) foreign language requirement by taking that placement exam. Students who do not take the placement exam will be required to complete one semester of language 101. Students who place out of the foreign language requirement and wish to continue with their studies of a language will be placed in the appropriate level course according to the placement exam score. Intermediate (201-202) level (or equivalent experience) is a prerequisite for higher-numbered courses.

Why Guilford College?

Consistently rated nationally by *The Princeton Review* as well as being one of the 40 colleges in *Colleges that Change Lives* by Loren Pope, Guilford College inspires each student to achieve excellence through an engaging community, rooted in Quaker values, which nurtures creativity and social responsibility.

What can a Guilford education offer you?

- An urban setting near other colleges & universities with an area student population of over 27,000 students
- A consortium agreement with University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro College, Bennett College, North Carolina A&T State University, Elon University and High Point University provides students with access to courses free of charge
- A college mission statement & core values based on, and consistent with, Quaker testimonies. Guilford's core values are: Community, Diversity, Equality, Excellence, Integrity, Justice & Stewardship.
- A challenging academic program which emphasizes not only academic tracks and the learning process, but also the interconnection between curricular and co-curricular pursuits
- A diverse student population providing a stimulating peer environment
- Excellent study abroad programs in China, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Scotland, Spain, and Wales

The academic program in French

The Bachelor of Arts degree is offered in French.
A minor is offered in French Language and Society.

Required courses for the French major

A major consists of eight courses (32 credit hours) numbered above 111 and must include at least one 400 course. For a French major, 220 must be included among the eight required courses. Students may do a Senior Thesis (470) or Departmental Honors (490) on a topic approved by the department. This will be counted as one of the eight courses, but will not replace the required 400-level course. Students planning to attend graduate school are urged to choose the senior thesis. French courses in translation do not count towards the major.

Double majors in French and Education Studies, as well as K-12 licensure in these languages, are also offered. Students pursuing these double majors have the same requirements within the Foreign Languages Department as do other majors. The option of doing a senior thesis is not advisable for this double major.

Course prerequisites: Except for courses in translation, a student is required to complete French 220 or its equivalent, or to obtain permission from the instructor before enrolling in a 300-level course. Further, students must complete at least one 300-level course before taking a 400-level course. We recommend that students of French take 220 before taking a 300- or 400-level course. All majors must meet proficiency requirements.

All majors are expected to study abroad with an appropriate Guilford program before graduating. Approval of the department is necessary to either waive this requirement or to participate in another program abroad. Guilford currently offers semester programs in Paris and Rennes, as well as other study abroad programs in Alcalá de Henares, Beijing, Brunnenburg, Guadalajara, London, Madrid, Munich, Seville, Siena, Tokyo, and Osaka, for which the appropriate language is either required or recommended.

Course Offerings

101 Communicating in French I	102 Communicating in French II
201 Intermediate French	220 Introduction to Literary and Cultural Analysis
310 Contemporary France	311 The Francophone World
315 French and Francophone Cinema	365 Literature and Culture: Period
375 Literature and Culture: Theme	385 Literature and Culture: Genre
400 Senior Seminar	450 Special Topics
460 Independent Study	470 Senior Thesis
490 Departmental Honors	

Assessment of Foreign Language Majors

- Speaking proficiency will be assessed in an oral exam in an intermediate course (201 or 202). The 220 final will be a language proficiency exam. The exam will test knowledge of grammar and explication of a text (for German: the literary portion will be given with the final for the fall 300 (level course). Based on the results of the 220 test, a student whose score is inadequate will likely be advised to A) discontinue as a language major, or B) study and retake the test when ready; at the latest before the beginning of the student's final 400-level course.
- The following final project will be required for all seniors in their final 400-level course: A final paper or exam for the course, in the target language, in which students pull together the cultural knowledge they have acquired throughout the major, including material from the current 400 course. Students will write a paper on a cultural theme, tracing its importance through historical, cultural, and literary contexts. Along with the essay, students will turn in a three-question evaluation form, assessing their language major and outlining future goals.
- Students will complete a study abroad self-assessment form.

Where Graduates Go

- French Ministry of Education/French Embassy Cultural Services Teaching Assistantship in France (teaching English and studying for one year)

Faculty

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