CONCENTRATION OPTIONS

A. French I or II through French IV
B. French III and two subjects beyond
C. French IV or above, plus two more subjects
   – One subject allowed in English from 21G.049, 052, 053, or 054

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MINOR in French

Completed your concentration in French? Take your French skills to the next by pursuing a minor while satisfying most HASS elective and CI-H requirements

- 6 subjects total beginning with French III
- 5 out of the 6 subjects can be applied to the 8-subject HASS requirement
- 1 of these 5 can apply to HASS Distribution (H, S, or A)
- 1-2 subjects taught in English pertaining to French/Francophone studies can be applied to minor (21G.049, 052, 053, or 054)

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MAJOR in French

Attain fluency and gain an in-depth understanding of Francophone cultures by completing a major in French.

- 11 subjects total beginning from French III, including 2 CI-M subjects, and 8-9 upper-level subjects
- 6 subjects can overlap with the 8-subject HASS requirement
- Flexible for double majors

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At MIT, are you considering a MISTI internship in either Belgium, France, or Switzerland? French IV (21G.304) or equivalent proficiency is required for participation.

FALL 2019 Tier I

21G.301 French I
HASS-H
MWF, 9-10, C. O'Connor
MWF, 10-11, C. O'Connor

21G.302 French II
HASS-H
MWF, 9-10, L. Rezvani
MWF, 11-12, L. Rezvani

21G.303 French III
HASS-H
MWF, 11-12, C. Culot
MWF, 12-1, C. Culot

21G.304 French IV
HASS-H
MWF, 10-11, S. Levet
MWF, 11-12, S. Levet

FALL 2019 Tier II

21G.310 French Conversation
Training in oral expression including communication skills, fluency, idiomatic French and pronunciation. Discussion materials include short literary and sociological texts, recent films, varied audio and digitized video interviews and the Internet. HASS-H
MWF, 12-1, L. Rezvani

21G.312 Basic Themes in French Literature and Culture
Introduction to literary and cultural analysis through the close reading and discussion of texts united by a common theme. HASS-H
MW, 1-2:30, Staff

FALL 2019 Tier III

21G.346 Topics in Modern French Lit and Culture: Contemporary Francophone Africa: Francophonie and Beyond
This course takes French-speaking Africa as its object of inquiry. Starting from a historical perspective to understand how there came to be a Francophone Africa, it then turns to how that historical legacy plays out in the contemporary era, with an emphasis on the politics of language. We consider the role and the place of the French language in the colonial project and decolonization movements. And delving into the distinctions between francophonie as the use of the French language, and Francophonie as a political project, we interrogate the place of French in the contemporary African landscape. In addition, we use novels and films as points of entry into the discussion of important topics in contemporary African societies. Students learn to leverage theoretical tools from anthropology and social theory to analyze and interpret these topics. In past semesters, topics have included migration, the relationship to the state, creative production, the city, and futurity. Taught in French. HASS-H
TR, 2-3:30, A. Edoh

21G.348 Global Paris
Investigates Paris’ oversized status as a global capital by looking at the events, transformations, cultures, and arts for which the city is known. Explores Paris as a magnet for immigrants, and how their presence has transformed the city. Provides a deeper understanding of Paris and its current place in French and global cultures. HASS-H
TR, 12-1:30, C. Clark

Looking ahead

IAP 2020
21G.301 French I, HASS-H

Spring 2020
21G.049 French Photography, HASS-A, CI-H
21G.301 French I, HASS-H
21G.302 French II, HASS-H
21G.303 French III, HASS-H
21G.304 French IV, HASS-H
21G.308 Writing Like the French, HASS-H
21G.312 Basic Themes in French Literature and Culture
21G.315 Cross-cultural Perspectives on Contemporary French Society, HASS-H
21G.341 Contemporary French Films and Social Issues, HASS-H
21G.346 Topics in Modern French Literature and Cultures, HASS-H

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