
Academic Advising

FRENCH COURSES

How many French courses do I have to take?

All students in English-language colleges must take two French courses in order to graduate. There are 4 levels for each of these two courses: 100, 101, 102 and 103. You will take both French classes at the same level; therefore, if you are placed at the 102 level, you will take your first and second French courses at the 102 level.

How is my French placement level determined?

Placement in one of the 4 levels of French is determined by your high school grades and, in some cases, a placement test. Students who did not complete their high school studies in Quebec will be evaluated on an individual basis by the French department. You will be notified if you are required to take a placement test.

Who takes the course *Renforcement en français* (602-009)?

Some students must take a non-credit, preparatory French course called *Renforcement en français* before taking the two French courses described above. Students whose high school grades indicate that they are not prepared for the most basic level of French are automatically placed in this course. If a student's knowledge of French is deemed insufficient even for *Renforcement en français*, the student will take one or more courses outside Marianopolis in order to enable entry into the introductory-level French course in the third semester.

I think I'm in the wrong level. What do I do?

On the first day of class, your French teacher will give you a short writing assignment to complete in class. Based on the results of this exercise, your teacher may determine that you are in the wrong level and will advise you that a change is necessary. Once you have met with the French department Chair, who will add a note to your file to indicate that such a change is required. You will then see an Academic Advisor, who will change your French placement and update your schedule. Please note that an Academic Advisor will not change your French level until you have met with the French department Chair to authorize the change.

I am an international student. Do I still have to take French courses?

If you are a non-French-speaking international student (i.e., you are not a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada and do not plan on becoming one), you may request an exemption from your French courses if:

- you have never studied in Quebec before OR
- you were exempt from having to pass French courses in a Quebec high school

International students who either speak French or who have not been exempt from French courses in a Quebec high school must pass both French courses at Marianopolis in order to graduate.

If you become a citizen or a permanent resident of Canada before you graduate, the exemption will no longer apply and you must pass both French courses in order to obtain your diploma.

If you receive exemptions from your French courses, you will take two replacement courses (usually a course dealing with Quebec). Please see an Academic Advisor before registration in order to benefit from this exemption.

Academic Advisors are available by appointment through Omnivox or during posted drop-in hours.