

# FRENCH FOR PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION (CERT. PROFICIENCY) (30 CREDITS)

**Offered by:** Global & Strategic Comm.

**Degree credit weight:** 30

## Program Description

This award-winning part-time certificate program has been designed to enable students to master, in both oral and written French, the linguistic and communicative skills necessary to function effectively in a professional francophone environment.

The program is the equivalent of one year of full-time university studies, requires the completion of ten 3-credit courses, and starts at the low-intermediate level (courses CEFN 211 Functional French Grammar/Writing 1. and CEFN 212 French Communication Practice 1.). Students with a basic or an elementary knowledge of French will need to complete credit prerequisite courses before entering the program. Those credit courses won't be accepted as part of the Certificate. The overall program structure is divided into two modules:

1. The Preparatory Module comprises four prerequisite courses (one at the basic level and three at the elementary level) of 39 hours each.
2. The Intermediate and Advanced Credit Module consists of ten 3-credit courses of 39 hours each. It includes courses at the 200, 300, and 400 levels.

The program is offered three times a year: in Fall and Winter for a period of 13 weeks (Preparatory and Intermediate and Advanced Credit Modules). In Spring, both Modules last nine weeks. Courses are offered during the evening and on Saturday mornings.

Every student registered in a credit or non-credit course has exclusive access to online pedagogical material and other resources through the myCourses platform. This allows students to participate in virtual projects and/or reinforce their language training on an individual basis and at their own pace. The communication tools integrated in myCourses further consolidate the individual pedagogical support offered by the lecturer.

The program leads, under certain conditions, to the Certificate in Proficiency - French for Professional Communication (see "Academic Regulations"). The level of this certificate corresponds to the Advanced Level recognized by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). For information on term dates, please refer to the Department's website.

**Note:** For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Prerequisite courses

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Course	Title	Credits
CEFN 102	Basic French.	3
CEFN 104	Elementary French .	3
CEFN 106	Fundamentals of French Grammar and Writing.	3
CEFN 107	Fundamentals of French Oral Communication.	3

## Required courses - Intermediate and Advanced (30 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
CEFN 211	Functional French Grammar/Writing 1.	3
CEFN 212	French Communication Practice 1.	3
CEFN 221	Functional French Grammar/Writing 2.	3
CEFN 222	French Communication Practice 2.	3
CEFN 331	Functional French Grammar/Writing 3.	3
CEFN 332	French Communication Practice 3.	3
CEFN 411	French Grammar/Writing Techniques.	3
CEFN 412	French Oral Communication Techniques.	3
CEFN 421	French Written Communication Contexts.	3
CEFN 422	French Oral Communication Contexts.	3

## Complementary courses

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Course	Title	Credits
CEFN 401	French Vocabulary in Context.	3
CEFN 402	Persuasive French in Communication.	3

Notes:

\* 1 Students who begin their studies with courses CEFN 221 Functional French Grammar/Writing 2./CEFN 222 French Communication Practice 2. and who would like to be admitted to the Certificate of Proficiency - French for Professional Communication must take two complementary courses (CEFN 401 French Vocabulary in Context. and CEFN 402 Persuasive French in Communication.), or equivalent courses as approved by the Language and Intercultural Communication unit, to satisfy the requirements of the program. These courses may be taken as part of the advanced module of the program. For more information, please contact the Language and Intercultural Communication unit.

\* 2 Students who begin their studies with courses CEFN 331 Functional French Grammar/Writing 3./CEFN 332 French Communication Practice 3. and who would like to be admitted to the Certificate of Proficiency - French for Professional Communication must take up to two Comprehensive Challenge Exams which correspond to the previous level (CEFN 221 Functional French Grammar/Writing 2./CEFN 222 French Communication Practice 2.), and two complementary courses (CEFN 401 French Vocabulary in Context. and CEFN 402 Persuasive French in Communication.), or equivalent courses as approved by the Language and Intercultural Communication unit, in order to satisfy the requirements of the program. These courses may be taken as part of the advanced module

of the program. For more information, please contact the Language and Intercultural Communication unit.

\* 3 Students who begin their studies with courses CEFN 411 French Grammar/Writing Techniques./CEFN 412 French Oral Communication Techniques. are not eligible for admission to the Certificate of Proficiency - French for Professional Communication. However, these students may register as Special Students and may be eligible to receive the McGill Attestation of Proficiency in French if they successfully complete all four (4) courses of the Advanced Module (CEFN 411 French Grammar/Writing Techniques. CEFN 412 French Oral Communication Techniques., CEFN 421 French Written Communication Contexts., and CEFN 422 French Oral Communication Contexts.) with a minimum grade of B- (65%).