

Certificate in French Language

The French Language certificate requires:

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	Completion of three courses in French at the 204 level or above	9.0
	Achievement of at least intermediate proficiency level on an ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) official, nationally-normed Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) test	
Total Semester Hours		9.0

To qualify for the certificate, the student must earn a grade of C or higher in each of the three courses. At least two of the courses must be taken at Principia College. The ACTFL proficiency test result will further define the certificate and will be indicated on the student's transcript.

Each student is responsible for the cost of the proficiency test, which must be taken with a certified OPI tester at a local university or by phone (call monitored by the Languages and Cultures Department). Principia faculty cannot administer the test but can advise the student on how to prepare for this test.

This certificate is a valuable option for those students who love French but do not have the time in their schedule to complete a minor or a major in the language. Since all language courses include a cultural component, the certificate is an opportunity to become better acquainted with the cultures of the French-speaking world.