

**Assessment Plan  
2005-2006**  
Department of Modern Languages and Literatures  
**French**

**Mission statement**

The mission of the French program of Texas Christian University is to promote communicative expertise in French and the understanding of key dimensions of the heritage of French and francophone cultures. In addition, our mission is to foster critical thinking and analytical approaches to problem solving through teaching and research in the language, culture, and literature of France and francophone countries.

**Program Competencies**

Students completing the French major will achieve communicative expertise in French, be able to identify important aspects of French texts, and be able to determine how culture influences cognitive paradigms.

Intended Outcome	Action Steps	Method of Assessment	Results of Assessment and Proposed Improvements	Resources Needed for Proposed Improvements
<p>A. Students will be able to identify important aspects of French texts such as narrative form, discursive structures, historical and cultural contexts.</p> <p>B. Students will be able to write about a variety of topics demonstrating good organization and cohesiveness. They will be able to describe and narrate in all major time frames and develop arguments with good control of grammatical structures and a wide general vocabulary</p>	<p>A. Students will successfully complete* two Survey of French literature courses plus a Seminar in French Studies. Students may also attend French lectures and French film offerings.</p> <p>B. Students will successfully complete* a variety of courses such as French Culture and Civilization, Survey of French Literature, Advanced Composition, and a Seminar in French Studies. Students may take advantage of study and travel abroad opportunities, and attend scholarly lectures and local French cultural events.</p> <p>* Upon completion of the program,</p>	<p>A. A portfolio containing a selection of papers from upper-level courses will be submitted by senior students in the last semester of their studies. Papers may be those produced in a variety of courses: Advanced Composition, Surveys of French Literature, Intermediate Reading and Writing, Senior Seminars, and others. These papers will be available for assessment purposes.</p>	<p>French faculty will examine the papers submitted by senior students. They may also examine papers submitted by students in 40000 level courses. Based on this work, faculty may determine if particular areas of the program require adjustment or reevaluation.</p>	<p>No additional resources will be needed.</p>

	students will have a minimum GPA of 2.8 in their courses in the major.			
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