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Background Information on the Certificates

Educational Goals and Learning Outcomes

The certificates challenge learners to:

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FREN 118		120		96	115	106	143

Enrolments in the Professional Series (SP = Spring; FL = Fall; WI= Winter)

	SP 19	FL 19	WI 20	SP 20	FL 20	WI 21	SP 21	FL 21	WI 22	SP 22	FL 22	WI 23	SP 23	FL 23	WI 24	SP 24
FREN 225 (Core)	29	50			47		31	43		18						

- Some of the certificate courses have only been offered once, so averages must be interpreted carefully.

Given the relatively low enrolments and the negative impact these courses have on teaching capacity in our unit in the absence of term adjuncts, we see little alternative to suspending the online certificate to reduce the overall amount of teaching done in our unit, on the one hand, and focus on our degree plans to ensure long-term sustainability on the other.

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	118 winter 2024 237 winter 2024 236 spring 2024	Offredi Planchot Sackey	Term-adjunct Term-adjunct Cont.-adjunct

Consultation

French Studies did not push into the decision to suspend admission into the certificate. This decision was the culmination of several meetings within French Studies and with its partners.

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As per our communication plan (see below), we have sent personalized emails to all students who have a pathway to completing the certificate with existing certificate course offerings for 2024. These emails let students know what courses they still need and when they will next be offered.

Taken together, these constraints strongly suggest that the Faculty should find an appropriate remedy for students who have not made any progress towards the certificate (the vast majority of those unable to complete).

Potential Alternatives

There are several potential alternative pathways to completing the certificate, depending on how

Students that have only completed FREN 107 (1 language course + 2 professional courses left)

These students may take FREN 118 when it is offered in Winter 2025 and then transfer in the appropriate professional courses from the list above to complete the certificate.

Students that have not taken FREN 107 after Winter 2024 (No certificate progress)

Because of the high resource costs of redevelopment, it is not currently known when FREN 107 will be offered again. This means that students who have not taken FREN 107 after Winter 2024, when the current version of the course will lose support from Pearson, cannot do so in the short term and cannot take advantage of the redevelopment of FREN 118.

There is no immediate pathway for these students to complete the certificate since the number of transfer credits needed,

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French Studies

- FREN 237: French for Government Professionals (Winter Term)
- FREN 236: French for Medical Professionals (Spring 2024)

For FREN 236, please note that registration opens on Feb 1, 2024. Additionally, we want to inform you that FREN 225 will be offered in the fall of 2024. This means that by taking one of the two mentioned option courses along with FREN 225 in the fall, you could potentially fulfill all the requirements for the program.

Should you have any questions or require assistance with the registration process, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Please ensure that you prioritize program requirements to ensure timely graduation.

Congratulations in advance on your progress, and we wish you continued success in your academic journey.

Attachments:

Academic Calendar (from ASO)

Program Plan

This certificate program consists of 12.0 units.

Notes:

1. If you have completed Grade 12 core French or have a background in Extended French or Immersion, you are not eligible to take FREN 107. Please contact francais@queensu.ca to determine how to proceed.
2. Courses may not be offered every term.
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4. No more than 6.0 units of core and options courses may be counted towards the requirements of both the certificate and another Arts and Science Program.
5. This online program plan has been adapted from the official Faculty of Arts and Science E-Calendar to help online students identify only courses that are being offered online.

1. Core courses (9.0 units)

- Complete the following two courses (6.0 units):
  - FREN 107 (3.0 units): Communication et culture II
  - FREN 118 (3.0 units): Communication et culture III
  - FREN 150 (3.0 units): Not Offered Online for students who are pursuing the certificate and are registered in an on-campus degree plan.

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FREN 238 French for Legal ProfessionalsUnits: 3.00

The course will provide learners with technical vocabulary as well as the French written and oral language skills to effectively communicate with French speaking clients and conduct routine legal communication in French. Collaborative group work and assignments will simulate real

Questions for the Dean

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