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UNIVERSITY**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS  
IN  
FRENCH**

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## CHAPTER 2: MAJOR IN FRENCH

### 1. RATIONALE

French is the second most used language in the global economic and political scene and is the official language as well as the medium of instruction in many African countries. The French degree programme aims to prepare graduates to practice a range of professions such as teaching, translation, interpretation, journalism, as well as service in the civil service, Christian mission and business in Africa and beyond. The degree in French will also enable them to enhance the cultural exchange between different countries in Africa.

### 2. OBJECTIVES:

The major in French seeks to:

- 2.1. train students with the necessary skills in the French language that will enable them join different professions
- 2.2. equip students with skills in the French language that will help them function in a French-speaking environment
- 2.3. give students a scientific insight into the structure, and use of language in general and the French language in particular, as well as to acquaint them with both the historical and current developments in literature and language
- 2.4. acquaint students with the history, politics and culture of the Francophone world with particular reference to Francophone Africa
- 2.5. help students understand the linguistic, ethnological and cultural issues affecting the African people from a Christian perspective

### 3. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general requirements by the university listed in Chapter 1, section 4, a student pursuing the French Major degree must also have:

- a minimum grade of C+ in French in KCSE, or
- credit 6 under the 'O' level system, or
- 60% with systems that use percentages, or
- a principal pass at 'A' level in French.

### 4. STUDENT ASSESSMENT

- 4.1. For conceptual courses, 70% will come from the final examinations and 30% from continuous assessment.
- 4.2. Marks for the Research Project in French (FRE 597) will be 30% from the research proposal and 70% from the final research project.