

Explore Program and FREN*1010 University of Guelph - Internal Guidelines

In 2011, the Board of Undergraduate Studies approved **FREN*1010, Independent French Study, as a 0.50 credit course with billing credit set to 0.00 credit**. This course was developed specifically to allow the School of Languages and Literatures (SoLaL) to award 0.50 credit to all students who successfully complete the Explore Program while they are a registered University of Guelph student, regardless of the institution running the program. This allows credit to be given to students who participated in the Explore program who might not normally receive university academic credit because they were placed at an institution where the program is run through the equivalent to U of G's Open Learning Program (for example, Jonquiere, UBC or the University of Saskatchewan).

Multiple faculty in the School and College have reviewed the Explore Program and have determined that the program is equivalent at the institutions offering it, regardless of whether they are awarded a University transcript, CEGEP transcript or "open learning" transcript. The program is administered and, importantly, monitored federally through CMEC, further attesting to the standardization of the program.

In order to remain equitable, the University has determined that rather than continue to use the LOP process, all students who successfully complete the summer Explore Program and wish to receive an academic credit will be registered in FREN*1010 in the following fall semester and be awarded a "P" (pass) provided SoLaL receives an official transcript issued by the institution hosting the Explore Program.

See instructions at:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/solal/french-studies/exchanges>

Students are instructed to provide SoLaL with a transcript from the host Explore institution and sign a Course Waiver Request Form in order to have FREN*1010 added to their record in the Fall semester following their return to campus.

Students will no longer be referred to the LOP process, nor to a program counsellor for additional signatures.

Exceptions:

Transfer students or incoming first year students who have completed the Explore Program prior to being a registered University of Guelph student will be advised to include their registration in the Explore Program on their application so as to have FREN*1010 awarded as a transfer credit by Admission Services.