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L₂RIC NOTES



French Second Language Course Options in the University of New Brunswick's Bachelor of Education Program: Reflecting Recent Changes to French Second Language Programs in New Brunswick

As a result of a comprehensive review of French Second Language (FSL) programs, substantial changes have recently been made to (what were formerly called) Core FSL programs and to French Immersion programs in NB¹. Some of these changes include:

- French Cultural Learning Experiences for students in Grades K to 2.
- A French Immersion program option beginning at Grade 3 and terminating at Grade 10.
- A pre-Intensive French program beginning at Grade 4 for those not enrolling in French Immersion in Grade 3.
- A mandatory Intensive French year in Grade 5 for students not already enrolled in French Immersion, followed by either Late French Immersion or post-Intensive French from Grades 6 through 10.



Course Offerings

Following the announcement of these changes in August, 2008, L₂RIC immediately recognized a need to serve its Bachelor of Education (BEd) students by delivering courses that would address the pedagogies and best practices associated with each of the FSL program possibilities described above while also retaining its focus on FSL programs offered across Canada. To this end, L₂RIC faculty and faculty associates began examining the course options and adjusting these so that they explicitly addressed New Brunswick's new FSL landscape. Beginning in August 2009, L₂RIC will offer the following course options to BEd students focusing on the area of FSL education²:

Elementary Program Option

ED 4568 FLS I élémentaire³

- Introduction to teaching FSL at the elementary level
- Teaching pre-Intensive French and Intensive French

ED 4569 FLS II élémentaire³

- Teaching Grade 3 entry FI – Literacy
- Teaching Grade 3 entry FI – Integrating subject matter

ED 4075 Reflection on Second Language Theory and Practice

Secondary Program Option

ED 3562 FLS I secondaire³

- Introduction to teaching FSL at the secondary level
- Teaching post-Intensive French

ED 4567 FLS II secondaire³

- Teaching Grade 3 entry French Immersion and Late French Immersion students - Literacy
- Teaching Grade 3 entry French Immersion and Late French Immersion students – Integrating subject matter

ED 4075 Reflection on Second Language Theory and Practice

Program Highlights

Highlights of L₂RIC's FSL program include:

- L₂RIC offers a Certificate in FSL teaching (CTFSL), which is awarded to BEd students who successfully complete the required FSL courses, who successfully complete a practicum in an FSL context, and who demonstrate the appropriate level of language proficiency (*Advanced* for Intensive French, *Advanced Plus* for French Immersion).
- L₂RIC offers language support to BEd students through a computer language laboratory and tutoring to help students improve their language proficiency.
- L₂RIC faculty, faculty associates, and graduate students contribute to a varied learning experience and offer a variety of resources and support for BEd students.

For More Information

For more information please visit our website at <http://www.unbf.ca/L2/programs/programs.html>

Endnotes

¹New Brunswick Department of Education. (2008). *A comprehensive review of French second language programs and services within the Anglophone sector of the New Brunswick department of education.*

²Note that courses may be delivered in an order not identical to the one shown here.

³This course is delivered in French.

