



French & Francophone Studies, B.A.

Speaking French and studying French culture is a great way to better understand the world and to open new doors leading to potential career paths at the domestic or international level. With a curriculum closely aligned to that of the Francophone world, this program emphasizes the language, literature, and culture of France and Francophone countries.

Experience Your Learning

There is no better way to learn a language than to spend time with others who speak it. From Paris to Senegal, and many choices in between, French & Francophone Studies majors spend time abroad immersed in the culture of a French-speaking country.

The Nantes Program in France is an intense 10-week summer immersion in the French language and culture. You will live in university dorms with other French students, take classes five days a week, participate in activities with local organizations, and participate in various academic visits to outstanding cultural sites in France.

Join Club Francophone and become a part of a group of beginning, intermediate, and advanced French speakers. Drop by if you want to learn, teach, or just enjoy some company.



Did you know?

- Students trained to help language learners provide free peer tutoring to students in lower division French, German, and Spanish courses.
- The David E. Webb Language Learning Center is a dedicated space for language speaking, practice, tools and technology, group work, clubs, and classes. The center is also used for regularly scheduled tutoring sessions for French, German, and Spanish.
- French is the world's fifth most spoken language. More than 300 million people worldwide speak French as their primary language.



Academics & Options

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The program integrates social, cultural, historical, and political aspects of the French-speaking world in the classroom. Courses also include different themes each year, and our professors and visiting scholars come from diverse backgrounds and fields of expertise, exposing you to an array of accents, speaking styles, and cultural perspectives.

Minor

- French & Francophone Studies Minor

Get Involved

Club Francophone

Parlez-vous français? For beginning, intermediate, and advanced French speakers. Drop by if you want to learn, teach, or just enjoy some company. Meetings are Fridays in the Behavioral & Social Sciences Building, Room 209, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Coffee, tea, and snacks provided.

Scholarships

French majors are eligible for several scholarships through the Department of World Languages & Cultures:

- Benavides-Garb Family International Travel Award
- Joe and Helen Bottino Memorial Travel Award
- Budig-Markin Family Francophone African Studies Award (exclusive to study abroad to Africa)
- Frank B. Wood Scholarship



Careers

Students with understanding of cultural, ethnic, and racial issues, coupled with second or third language competency, will be better equipped to meet the professional challenges of the 21st century. Potential careers include the following:

- Airline Employee
- Bilingual Occupations
- Foreign Correspondent
- French tour operator
- Health Care Worker
- Import-Export Business Person
- International Financier
- Interpreter
- Linguist
- Literary Translator
- Teacher
- Technical Translator
- Travel Agent
- U.S. Government Service Officer



The absolute best part of participating in the French & Francophone Studies program was the pilot study abroad program that Joseph led in 2017 to Senegal ... I often still reminisce of the experience and I have made long-time friends from it."

Binta Wright ('18, French & Francophone Studies).