

# French Studies



Department of Language, Culture, and Communication  
College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

## The Field

French studies offers a thorough training in the language and culture of the more than 200 million people who live in France and other Francophone areas in the world. Your studies will familiarize you with a vital and influential tradition in culture and the arts, spanning twelve centuries, and with a language of importance in the realms of business, politics, science, and technology. Although the emphasis is on France, French Studies also provides an introduction to the other French-speaking countries of Europe, Asia, Africa, North America and the Caribbean, which are playing roles of increasing prominence in global affairs.

## Career Opportunities

The French Studies program offers a wide variety of educational and employment possibilities. You may prepare for careers in:

- Government service
- Print and electronic journalism
- Translating and interpreting
- Teaching (through high school)
- Travel and tourism
- International affairs and business

This program will also prepare you for advanced study in French at the graduate level.

## The Major

*Requirements are subject to change. Degree-seeking students will be subject to the requirements in effect at the time that they are admitted or re-admitted.*

## Prerequisites

Students majoring in French studies must successfully complete FREN 202 or demonstrate equivalent French language proficiency.

## Requirements

A minimum of 24 credit hours in upper-division French coursework must be completed.

French 301-302 Advanced Conversation and Composition	6
One specialized language course: FREN 305, 306, 308, or 408	3
One civilization/culture course: FREN 336, 337, 338, or 339	3
One film course FREN 332, or 333	3
One literature course: FREN 330, 331, 333, 334, 339, or 433	3
Two additional upper-level French courses	6

## Cognates

You must complete at least six additional hours of upper-level coursework, approved by an advisor, in appropriate disciplines in the behavioral sciences, humanities, and social sciences departments. You may consider taking a humanities or a political science internship as one of their cognate courses.

## Minor/Area of Focus

French Studies is also available as a minor, or as an area of focus in General Studies or Liberal Studies. The minor or area of focus requires successful completion of a minimum of 12 credit hours of upper level French.

## Opportunities for Study Abroad and Internships

Majors are encouraged to strengthen their knowledge of French language and culture by participating in any approved study-abroad program in France or a Francophone country, such as Canada or Switzerland. You are also encouraged to complement your coursework by completing an internship in an appropriate government or business placement.

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## Extracurricular Activities

Besides offering a wide range of advanced courses on a regular basis, the French discipline schedules a variety of extracurricular activities to support its academic program. It invites prominent American and French businessmen and government officials to participate in panel discussions of international affairs and commerce and to speak, as guest lecturers, in individual classes. It organizes special film series which provide students with in-depth treatment of important themes and aspects of French literature and culture. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the discipline's French club, Club Francophone, which organizes events each semester such as excursions to museums, French film viewings, and sampling of French cuisine in local restaurants.

## Faculty

Faculty are dedicated to classroom teaching and research. They welcome the opportunity to counsel students regarding specific academic programs and general career planning.

**Gabriella Eschrich, Ph.D.**, Italian and French literature of the Renaissance and of the Baroque periods, writing women of the Renaissance, translation, and literature of the city.

**Halina Minadeo, Ph.D.**, French basic courses coordinator, Medieval French language and literature, romance philology, 17th century French drama, modern French drama.

**Stéphane Spoiden, Ph.D.**, 19th- and 20th- century French literature and European culture, business French and the culture of business, French cinema, Francophone literature and culture (Maghreb), the European Union.

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