

FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES, B.A.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Program Learning Objectives

- **Communication:** Students will have developed cultural and intercultural competence in French that allows them to communicate efficiently in social, cultural and global settings ranging from informal to professional contexts.
- **Critical Thinking:** Students will have developed analytical skills in order to improve their understanding of French and Francophone cultural phenomena, linguistics, literary works, and theoretical texts.
- **Cultural Comparisons:** Students will be able to use their proficiency in French language and culture to make pertinent comparisons with their own language and culture and thus demonstrate a critical understanding of the nature and function of both.
- **Francophone Communities:** Students will be able to discuss issues surrounding different marginalized Francophone communities in terms of social justice, equity, diversity and inclusion.
- **Francophone Historical Contexts:** Students will be able to describe Francophone contexts, issues related to colonialism and post-colonialism, and their historical implications.
- **Immersive Learning:** Students will have participated in immersion opportunities, ideally study abroad or internships, but also departmental and campus-wide events, with the goal of promoting growth in language skills, intercultural understanding, and academic achievement in French and Francophone studies.
- **Self-Expression:** Students will use French for artistic, creative and other forms of meaningful self-expression.
- **The Three Modes:** Students will have developed interpretive, interpersonal and presentational skills that allow them to successfully engage with and interpret a variety of text types including literary, scholarly, scientific and visual texts.