

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 Description

The B.A. major in French and Francophone Studies encourages students to develop fluency in the language as well as an appreciation of francophone literature and culture. The major can also help to prepare students for interdisciplinary professional careers in which a knowledge of a world language is useful. At present, the B.A. major in French and Francophone Studies is available as a Language and Culture option, Language and Linguistics option, or as a Language and Literature option.

What is French and Francophone Studies?

The B.A. major in French and Francophone Studies provides students with an opportunity to develop proficiency in the French language as well as cultivate an appreciation and understanding of the various contexts that comprise the French and Francophone literary and cultural traditions. Students receive instruction in small, interactive classrooms that foster communication and exchange. Our courses promote critical thinking with an emphasis on cultural, literary and linguistic analysis. Majors are encouraged to participate in language immersive events such as embedded courses, faculty led courses, and study abroad. The major can also help to prepare students for interdisciplinary professional careers for which a knowledge of French language and culture is useful. At present, the B.A. major in French and Francophone Studies is available either as a Language and Culture, Language and Literature, and Language and Linguistics option.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are interested in critical thinking about the cultural frames and literary objects that comprise French and Francophone literature/culture.
- You are planning a career in which French proficiency is useful.
- You are eager to connect with French-speaking communities both home and abroad.
- You seek to cultivate a professional profile that will increase your chances on the job market.
- You aspire to explore the various people, places and things that make up the French-speaking world.