

FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES, B.S.

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.S. degree is designed to allow students to combine fluency in French with other academic disciplines. The Business option develops basic skills in French (speaking, understanding, reading, writing) and acquaints students with a number of fields essential to business, especially in the international area. The Engineering option has a required overseas study or work component. The Applied French option develops basic skills in French (speaking, understanding, reading, writing) as well as a basic knowledge of French literature and culture. At the same time, it provides a concentration in a professional area in which a command of French can be particularly relevant or useful. Courses in French culture and civilization are essential to all B.S. options, and students are encouraged to participate in the University's International Studies programs in France.

What is French and Francophone Studies?

The B.S. degree in French and Francophone Studies is designed to develop proficiency in the French language and deepen knowledge of French cultural artifacts and frames, allowing students to combine both sets of skills with other academic disciplines. Students receive instruction in small, interactive classrooms that foster communication and exchange. Majors are encouraged to participate in language immersive events such as embedded courses, faculty led courses, and study abroad. The Business option acquaints students with concepts essential to business. The Engineering option is intended for engineering students who envision using French in their primary career. The Applied French option permits students to combine their French degree with another major or concentration in a professional area in which a command of French can be particularly relevant or useful. All options have a focus on developing proficiency and literacy in French with an eye toward using French in a professional context.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are interested in combining your love of French with another discipline.
- You are planning a career in which French proficiency would give you a professional boost.
- You are eager to connect with French-speaking communities in your home community and abroad.
- You seek to cultivate a professional profile that will give you an edge on the job market.
- You aspire to explore the various people, places and things that make up the French-speaking world.