FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES, B.A.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: University Park

Program Learning Objectives

• Analytical Skills: Student will have have developed analytical skills in order to improve their understanding of French literary works, cultural phenomena, and linguistic structures.

• 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.

• 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.

• Knowledge of Key Issues and Debates: Students will have reached a broad understanding of key issues and debates in literary analysis, cultural studies, French intellectual history, language acquisition, and theoretical linguistics.

• Literacy Skills: Students will have developed literacy skills that allow them to both read and write in French. Majors should be able to read and interpret a variety of media, from newspapers to literary texts to formal academic texts.

• Oral Communication Skills: Students will have developed oral skills in French that allow them to communicate efficiently in a range of settings from informal to professional.