



Modern Language BA

with an emphasis in French

The French program at UMSL develops learners who are both linguistically and culturally competent and ready to become global citizens. We offer a broad range of coursework in French, from foundational courses in language and culture, courses focused on the many facets of literature and culture, and pre-professional courses, all aimed at developing skills for the twenty-first century. Our dedicated faculty engage learners in and out of the classroom. You can expect a challenging, collaborative, and interactive environment in every course. Our students are part of larger learning community connected through our conversation group, numerous activities, and study abroad experiences, including our faculty-led summer program in Strasbourg, France.

Career Outlook

French is widely spoken on all continents as a native or second language and is used internationally for government, business, and education. By 2050, there will be over 750 million speakers thanks to a demographic boom in francophone Africa. French is an official language of numerous international organizations. Closer to home, French is spoken by the US's largest trading partner, Canada. Graduates have been especially successful when they combine studies in French with another major.

Future Career Options

- Bilingual Customer Service Representative
- Foreign Correspondent
- Foreign Service Officer
- French Educator
- International Analyst
- International Business Coordinator
- Intercultural Training Consultant
- International Travel or Study Coordinator
- NGO Specialist
- Translator/Interpreter/Localizer

Skills Developed By Degree Completion

- Communicate effectively and cohesively in written and oral discourse
- Appreciate the diversity of French-speaking cultures
- Critically analyze film, media, literature, and art in the French-speaking world
- Compare and contrast cultural beliefs, behaviors, and norms of oneself with those of other cultures
- Describe how language and culture impacts one's world view

Successful alumni have gone on to fulfill many of the opportunities above. Additional possibilities are taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Contact an advisor to discuss additional future career options.

2024-2025 4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

IT STARTS RIGHT NOW

This is a sample academic map for the courses to take each academic semester/session. This map is not a substitute for academic advisement. Contact your advisor when making final selections.



UNIVERSITY STUDIES

University studies is required for all first-year students and those with less than 24 credit hours.



MILESTONE COURSES

Milestone courses should be taken in the order shown to ensure you stay on a timely and accurate path toward graduation.



SUMMER AND INTERSESSION COURSES

Don't forget that summers and winter breaks are a way to fast-track your route to degree completion – and lighten your load during fall and spring!

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Year

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Bachelor of Arts in Modern Language with an emphasis in French

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ENGL 1100: First-Year Writing (3)
FRENCH 1001: French Language and Culture I (5)
MATH 1020: Contemporary Mathematics (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Sciences (3)
INTDSC 1003: University Studies (1)

SPRING SEMESTER (14 credit hours)

FRENCH 1002: French Language and Culture II (5)
GEN ED CORE: Communication Proficiency (3)
GEN ED CORE: US History and Government (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)



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Year

2

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

FGN LANG 2100: Language and World View (3)
FRENCH 2101: French Language and Culture III (3)
GEN ED CORE: Information Literacy (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Sciences (3)
Elective (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

FRENCH 2180: Readings in French (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Sciences (3)
Elective (3)
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Year

3

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ENGL 3100: Junior-Level Writing (3)
FRENCH 2170: Intermediate French Language and Culture (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (16 credit hours)

FRENCH 3200: French Grammar in Review (3)
FRENCH 3XXX: French Course (3)
Elective (4)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)



Year

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FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

FRENCH 3XXX: French Course (3)
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SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

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