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UMSL

And your major

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 be global citizens. UMSL offers a broad range of coursework in French: 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 21st 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 a part of a 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 U.S.'s largest trading partner, Canada. Graduates have been especially successful when they combine studies in French with another major.

Career Options

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

Skills developed through 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 impact 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.

4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

Bachelor of Arts in Modern Language

Emphasis in French

Year

1

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

- FRENCH 1001: French Language & Culture I (5)
- ENGL 1100: First-Year Writing (3)
- 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 & Culture II (5)
- GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)
- GEN ED CORE: Communications Proficiency (3)
- GEN ED CORE :US History & Government (3)

Year

2

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

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

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

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

Year

3

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

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

SPRING SEMESTER (16 credit hours)

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

Year

4

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

- FRENCH 3XXX: French Course (3)
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- Elective (3)
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Degree completed!

2023-2024 4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

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

 – **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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