Activities in the French Section

French Club
Interested students are invited to join the French club, a student organization devoted to all things French and Francophone. Activities are varied and depend on the interests of the members. Monthly discussions about France and the Francophone world are organized in French and in English.

Pi Delta Phi (French Honor Society)
Pi Delta Phi elects new members every spring. Activities include the annual initiation ceremony, as well as occasional lectures, dinners, and visits to exhibits of French art.

Film Festival
Faculty in the French Section coordinate a French film festival each semester, presenting four or five films from France and the French-speaking world.

Assistantship in France

French Section Faculty

RALPH ALBANESE (1990)
Professor of French
M.A., 1968, Queens College; Ph.D., 1972, Yale University

MELANIE CONROY (2013)
Assistant Professor of French

DENIS D. GRELE (2007)
Associate Professor of French, Section Head:
Maîtrise Lettres Modernes, 1994, Caen (France); Ph.D., 1999, New York University

ERROL M. O’NEILL (2008)
Assistant Professor of French:
M.A., 2000, Ph.D., 2012, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

BENJAMIN SPARKS (2016)
Instructor of French
M.A., 2011, Brigham Young University; Ph.D., 2015, Louisiana State University

WILLIAM J. THOMPSON (1989)
Associate Professor of French, Chair:
M.A., 1984, McMaster University (Canada); Ph.D., 1989, Cornell University

“A walk about Paris will provide lessons in history, beauty, and in the point of Life.”
Thomas Jefferson
French Major and Minor

THE MAJOR
A major in French consists of twenty-four hours (eight courses) at the upper-division level (3000 level or above). After completion of the language requirement (FREN 2010 and 2020), students normally take FREN 3301 and 3302 (Conversation and Composition), as these courses are prerequisites for other upper-division courses.

THE MINOR
Students must take eighteen hours (FREN 1020, FREN 2010, FREN 2020 and nine upper-division hours). After completion of FREN 2020, it is highly recommended that students take FREN 3301 or 3302 as these courses are a prerequisite for other upper-division courses.

MASTER OF ARTS IN ROMANCE LANGUAGES WITH CONCENTRATION IN FRENCH
The MA program prepares students in the areas of literature, culture, education, grammar, and linguistics and is oriented toward the preparation of students who may be interested in teaching in public and private elementary and secondary education, teaching as a part-time or full-time instructor at the college level, pursuing a PhD in the field of concentration often at highly-ranked universities, or enhancing the student's skills for a career in law or business as well as in government agencies. Please consult our Graduate Advisor in the department for more information.

Undergraduate courses
- FREN 1010. Elementary French I
- FREN 1020. Elementary French II
- FREN 2020. Intermediate French II
- FREN 3301. Conversation and Composition
- FREN 3302. Conversation and Composition
- FREN 3401. French Civilization
- FREN 3411. Introduction to French Literature
- FREN 3791. French for Commerce I

Graduate and Undergraduate courses
- FREN 4301-6301. French Phonetics
- FREN 4302-6302. Advanced Grammar
- FREN 4412-6412. 17th & 18th Century Literature
- FREN 4413-6413. 19th Century Literature
- FREN 4414-6414. 20th Century Literature
- FREN 4415-6415. Francophone Literature
- FREN 4416-6416. Special Topics in French Language, Literature, or Civilization
- FREN 4791-4799. Special Topics in French
- FREN 4801-6801. Contemporary France and the Francophone world

Graduate Courses
- FREN 7101 - French/Business and Economics
- FREN 7102 - French For Commerce
- FREN 7305 - French Stylistics
- FREN 7425 - Classicism Prior 1660
- FREN 7426 - Classicism After 1660
- FREN 7470 - Advance Pedagogy: French
- FREN 7492 - Research In French Studies
- FREN 7531 - Age of Enlightenment

Studying Abroad in France
The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures sponsors several programs in France. Our main partner is the Université Catholique de Lille. A private not for profit university founded in 1875, the Université has an urban campus located in the heart of the city, within easy walking distance of the city's cultural and commercial centre. The university hosts a population of 25,500 full-time students.

Summer
A four-week language and culture program with the Université Catholique de Lille. Each student attending one of the session can earn up to 6 credits (undergraduate or graduate). Two sessions are available: one in June and one in July.

http://www.univ-catholille.fr/international/european-summer-program-homepage.asp

Semester
The Université Catholique de Lille offers a large range of courses for students studying in the Fall or in the Spring with 40 graduate and 120 undergraduate programs to choose from.