



French



WASHINGTON
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COLLEGE

The French program of the Department of Modern Languages **gives students the skills necessary to communicate in culturally appropriate ways** with French speakers of diverse Francophone communities. **Spoken by more than 300 million people on five continents**, French is a **globally important language of trade, culture, and political systems**, and it's the **second most taught language in the world**. Courses in French range from beginning language to advanced topic seminars and immerse students in discovering *la Francophonie*.

Major Requirements

Depending on course placement*, students will take the following courses:

Elementary French I and II (FRN 105 & 106)

Intermediate French I and II (FRN 207 & 208)

Advanced French I and II (FRN 309 & 310)

Three 400-level seminars

One elective at the 300-level or above

Study abroad/cultural immersion experience

Capstone project (in consultation with the major advisor and the program director)

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Minor Requirements

Depending on course placement*, students will take the following courses:

Elementary French I and II (FRN 105 & 106)

Intermediate French I and II (FRN 207 & 208)

Advanced French I and II (FRN 309 & 310)

One 400-level course.

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Beyond the Classroom

Students in French have a **wide array of opportunities** for French-oriented **research, internships, conferences, and networking** beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J. Their academic achievements can help them join the **Lambda Sigma chapter of the academic honor society Pi Delta Phi** or be awarded one of the **two yearly prizes**: The A. Richard Oliver Prize in French and The Richard S. Pett Academic Travel Award in Languages.

Research and Internships

- Semester- to year-long stays in French-speaking countries (USAC-Pau and Sciences Po-Aix)
- Summer Magellan Projects and study abroad in French-speaking countries
- May Term travel courses

Alumni Achievements

- Translation Project Coordinator at Trustpoint One
- Doctoral student in French studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 3-2 Engineering at Columbia University
- Security Studies at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs

Employment

Careers after W&J include:

- Teaching
- Journalism
- Diplomacy
- International Law
- Banking
- Patent Law
- Translation
- Government



Program Website

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Students participate in French activities outside of class - a holiday party and perfume making