



# FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES

## INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM

### B.A. IN FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES

Designed to develop cross-cultural awareness and to foster international understanding, the French and Francophone Studies Program (FFS) adds an exciting dimension to the traditional liberal arts curriculum. It differs from the traditional French major in two respects: it is interdisciplinary, and it provides greater flexibility to accommodate students' individual areas of interest. The FFS major addresses the needs of students with a strong interest in cultural issues in general, and in the histories and cultures of France and French-speaking communities outside of France in particular.

This program promotes the term "French" in its broadest sense, in an effort to represent the variety of cultures of Francophone expression: Canada, the Caribbean, North and West Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Students are encouraged to study in several disciplines, choosing from a large selection of courses in the humanities, arts and social sciences. The FFS program takes advantage of the university's varied resources to provide a meaningful course of study and an outstanding preparation for graduate or professional school or for careers in international business and finance, law, journalism, foreign service, teaching and the arts.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The FFS program funds numerous visitors each semester, including scholars who visit particular courses and give public lectures. An example is the recent visit of the Ki-Yi Village Theater Troupe from the Ivory Coast. The program has also recently organized lectures on Vietnamese film and the history of food and gourmandise in France.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE OFFERINGS

Each student prepares a program of study in close consultation with a faculty adviser on the steering committee. The major in FFS requires a minimum of 33 credit hours in the following areas:

### I. Foundations in language (8 credit hours)

Students entering at the 200 level of French language complete FRCH 201 and 202. Students entering at the 300 level of language study complete 21 credits in section III below.

### II. Foundations in culture (9 credit hours)

These courses introduce students to French and Francophone cultures. FRCH/WLIT 295 (The Francophone World) is required. Beyond this, students select two courses from FRCH 316, 318, 319 and HSTY 310.

### III. Elective related courses in French and other disciplines (15-21 credit hours)

Students select from courses that focus on French and Francophone cultures in FRCH and other disciplines (art history, political science, history, etc.). These are chosen from the approved list and in conjunction with an FFS advisor. No more than nine of these credits may be chosen from FRCH courses.

### Requirements for a Minor in French and Francophone Studies

Students entering at the 200-level of language competence take 201, 202 and three more courses in FRCH and from the approved list. At least six credits should be taken in disciplines other than FRCH. Students entering at the 300-level of language competence take five courses at the 200 and 300 levels in FRCH and from the approved list. At least three credits should be in courses from FRCH taught in the French language and at least six credits should be taken in disciplines other than FRCH.

The sequence in French studies consists of one of the following courses: FRCH 316, FRCH 318, FRCH 319 or HSTY 310; and two additional 300-level courses.

Please see the General Bulletin ([www.case.edu/bulletin](http://www.case.edu/bulletin)) for a complete list of course offerings in the FFS program and detailed course descriptions.

## SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### Study Abroad

Study abroad in France, Belgium, Switzerland, French Canada or a Francophone African or Middle Eastern country is strongly encouraged but not required for FFS majors. The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures offers a summer study abroad program in Paris, France (FRCH 308), a spring break experience in Montreal (FRCH 208) and is planning a summer study abroad program in Cameroon, Africa.

### FRCH 208 The Montreal Experience

Students who have completed (or are currently taking) FRCH 201 can register for the one-credit spring break excursion to Montreal. In Montreal, students stay in dormitories and work each day at a Francophone service site. The site might be a community center, a homeless shelter, a hospital or a school. Cultural visits to museums, monuments, and historic sites are also arranged and guided by the instructor.

### FRCH 308 The Paris Experience

This is a three-week immersion learning experience in Paris. Students study immigrant populations in Paris and read texts by, and visit, writers and artists. They take advantage of the numerous cultural institutions of the city and surrounding countryside.

### Teacher Licensure Option

Students participating in the teacher licensure program complete a 45-47 credit hour major in FFS, including course work in French language, culture, and literature, and a 35 credit hour sequence in professional education coordinated with John Carroll University. Students are strongly encouraged to complete some of their coursework in a French-speaking country and are assisted in identifying opportunities for study abroad.

### Integrated Graduate Studies

The department participates in the IGS program, which enables a student to complete both a B.A. and an M.A. in French in five years. The IGS program allows for very close interaction between research faculty and students. The department highly recommends this program to qualified students who are interested in seeking admission to highly competitive professional schools or Ph.D. programs.

The M.A. in French offers an exciting concentration in the modern period (1789-present). Faculty specialists in 19th- and 20th-century French and Francophone studies offer interdisciplinary courses on the cultures and literatures of France, Africa, and the Middle East. Students may also take related course work in areas such as philosophy and history.

### RECENT GRADUATES

A recent survey of post graduation plans among graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences found that 55 percent went on to graduate or professional school and the remainder pursued other plans.

French and Francophone studies students pursue a variety of goals, including attending graduate or professional school, joining the Peace Corps or non-profit organizations, working for foundations and other granting agencies, and pursuing careers in international business or diplomacy. One recent French major went on to medical school and another to law school.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### General Bulletin

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