



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 at W&J 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)

**The French major is based on language proficiency. All students begin with placement into a course appropriate with their previous knowledge of French. The placement will determine their first course in the sequence.*

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

**The French minor is based on language proficiency. All students begin with placement into a course appropriate with their previous knowledge of French. The placement will determine their first course in the sequence.*

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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. A student's academic achievement 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
- MayTerm travel courses

Alumni Achievements

- Translation Project Coordinator, Trustpoint One
- Doctorate in French Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 3-2 Engineering, Columbia University
- Security Studies, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School or 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 including a holiday party and perfume making.