



French

When you pursue a foreign language degree with a concentration in French, you learn how the world extends beyond the borders of the United States. You open your mind to other ways of life, and you develop an interest in bridging cultural gaps. The French program at Mason is unique for a number of reasons. Similar to the student body, our teaching staff is diverse --with faculty from the Francophone world including Lebanon, Morocco, France, Canada, and Algeria. Our program is a very innovative one that integrates web-based and multimedia resources into the classroom. Many students spend time abroad during their studies. To help support such students, the department offers a small competitive scholarship.

The French concentration at Mason prepares you for research and professional work in government and private enterprises, teaching careers at the secondary-school level, and graduate study in languages. Many language majors add a minor in a related subject area, and some add a second major in another field.

WHY MASON?

Mason's advantageous location less than 15 miles outside of Washington, D.C. offers you the opportunity to engage in a host of internships and research projects to connect your classroom experience to the world beyond the campus. The proximity to Washington enables students to reach out to Francophone communities and programs, such as those at the Maison Française and the Alliance Française, as well as embassies from French-speaking countries that are only found in the nation's capital.

I am thrilled with the French program. The Senegal summer [study abroad] program is an amazing opportunity for Mason students to experience life in another culture and to do so in a well-directed, academic context quite unlike any other.

-LAURA FYFE, FRENCH PROFESSOR

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UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES

As a student concentrating in French, you will have access to study abroad programs and many other opportunities to maximize the value of your time at Mason. You can join the French Club, students and faculty with a passion for French, and participate in film screenings and the annual Polyglot Performances, where students perform a play in French.

- **Bebhinn Lynch, '09**, studied abroad in both France and Morocco as a part of her French concentration and was a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Phi Beta Delta International Education Honor Society.
- **Michelle Parker, '10**, studied abroad in Paris and is an executive board member of the French Club. On campus, she works in the residence halls as a resident advisor.
- **Aline Sandouk, '09**, majored in chemistry with a minor in French, was one of two student representatives on Mason's Board of Visitors, won an undergraduate research apprenticeship award, and is actively involved in numerous student organizations, including her role as president of the French Club.

Other students have studied abroad in one of our short-term immersion programs in Monaco, Morocco, and Guadeloupe over winter and spring breaks, as well as in the summer language program in Paris.



EXCITING CAREERS

- **Abigail Barrie, '93**, is an executive officer with the Central Intelligence Agency.
- **Erin Conroy, '08**, works for the Peace Corps in western and central Africa.
- **Catherine May, '07**, teaches Advanced Placement French classes at a high school in northern Virginia.

Graduates have attended law schools and graduate schools. They also work as teachers or translators or in organizations such as the Peace Corps and the U.S. Department of State.

ENHANCE YOUR MAJOR

Put your electives to good use by choosing a minor that extends your areas of expertise and increases your marketability. Most minors require only three or four courses beyond the major. Students in French often minor in:

- African and African American Studies
- Global Systems
- International/Comparative Studies
- New Europe
- Women and Gender Studies