French and Francophone Studies (BA)

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The undergraduate major in French and Francophone Studies leads to advanced proficiency in the French Language, and to a critical appreciation of the diverse cultures of French and other francophone regions of the world, including Africa, North America and the Caribbean. Through discussions of film, music, literary and cultural texts, news and current events, and sociocultural, historical, and political issues surrounding the French language and its diversity, students acquire the knowledge and intercultural competence that reward mastery of a language with a rich history and continuing importance worldwide.

Undergrad primary and additional majors in French & Francophone Studies have built successful careers in a variety of fields such as government, entrepreneurship and business, law, technology and engineering, media, public health, health policy, and health professions, nonprofit organizations, education, entertainment, and creative arts.

Students with previous language study and/or a high Advanced Placement score, an appropriate level International Baccalaureate, or a high internal placement exam score will be able to begin taking courses toward the major earlier in their undergraduate career. Study abroad programs, which accelerate progress toward the major, are highly recommended.

Outside the classroom, there are numerous activities to promote language practice and intercultural exchange, such as internships and tutoring opportunities, and participation in special cultural events.

This is a suggested schedule for the first 2 years for a Primary Major. It is also available as an Additional Major and a Minor. If time does not permit a major or minor, students with one 300-level class at Carnegie Mellon, a study abroad experience, and a successful oral interview may earn a Foreign Language Certificate.

The remainder of the Major and GenEd can be completed in the junior and senior year.

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*With Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate credit, students may place out of the elementary and all or part of the intermediate levels.

With previous study for all other cases, an internal placement exam must be taken. Students who place out of the intermediate level courses may begin their study at the 300-level. [https://www.cmu.edu/dietrich/modlang/undergraduate/placement/index.html](https://www.cmu.edu/dietrich/modlang/undergraduate/placement/index.html)

**Elective: This space can be used for a pre-requisite course, another GenEd course, major course, or for a course you are interested in.