

French

Bachelor of Arts Degree

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Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (including biology)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language
 (same language or two years of
 American Sign Language)
 Academic electives (to equal at
 least 17 credits)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

Did You Know?

In a global society, knowledge of another language and culture is an asset when it comes to finding employment. Studying in France through Partnership Maine-France, a feature of the French program, is not limited to language majors. Students majoring in other fields can find significant opportunities in and benefits from language and cultural studies abroad. Disciplines include business administration, education, engineering, fine arts and marine sciences, to name a few. The Department of Modern Languages and Classics offers a dual degree with the College of Engineering and the College of Education.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Program Description

The French section has a particular expertise in North American French language and culture. We offer courses in linguistics, literature and culture, both traditional and contemporary. In addition, courses in this area are supplemented by the Canadian and Franco American curricula in other departments and programs, such as history, anthropology, English and political science.

Specialized Information

Study in a Francophone country is an integral part of the major. The French section offers short-term courses in Quebec (FRE 397) and France (FRE 398), and long-term study abroad is available through Partnership Maine-France and the Canadian-American Center. French majors have studied at Universite d'Angers, Universite de Nantes, Universite de Pau, McGill University and Universite Laval.

French majors have participated in a research project on Franco-American language funded by the National Science Foundation. Other students specializing in education have participated in internships in French and Canadian schools.

Associated Honor Societies and Student Organizations

Students participate in a weekly French Table and are active in French Club, International Week, CultureFest, Readers' Theatre and International Studies. Fieldtrips to Montreal or Quebec City are a regular feature of FRE 307 French for Business and FRE 464 Quebec Theater.

An annual essay competition for all of the University of Maine's language majors provides the winners with an opportunity to feature their work in an annual departmental publication.

Students also may major in French and take the appropriate classes leading to an M.B.A. developed in cooperation with the Maine Business School.

Career and Graduate Opportunities

Career options include: teacher, study abroad coordinator, travel consultant, translator, diplomatic corps, library sciences, medical and social services, and banking. Foreign language skills enhance job opportunities in every field. UMaine graduates receive priority consideration for a yearlong English teaching assistantship at a French school in western France.

UMaine Graduate Programs

Master of Arts in French
 Master of Arts in North American French Studies
 Master of Arts in Teaching in French

Representative Courses

FRE 305 French Conversation and Composition
FRE 307 French for Business
FRE 309 Readings in French Literature
FRE 310 Readings in Francophone Literature
FRE 320 French Pronunciation
FRE 397 French May Term

FRE 398 French Immersion: Western France
FRE 400 Advanced French Grammar
FRE 442 North American French Language
FRE 463 Quebec Poetry
FRE 464 Quebec Theater
FRE 495 Senior Project in French

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