

# FRENCH

More than 300 million people speak French on all five continents. It is also the most popular second language after English and the third-most widely spoken language in the United States. French majors and minors learn to communicate correctly and effectively in French and understand and appreciate the diverse cultural perspectives and practices of French-speaking populations.

## PROGRAMS



### DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- Bachelor of Science in French Teaching
- Bachelor of Arts in French
- French Minor
- Master of Science in French

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The undergraduate French degree programs serve students who are seeking high proficiency in French language and cultural studies. Students will gain an understanding of French culture, literature and history that will help give students an edge when looking for job opportunities that are based in or do business with other companies in French-speaking nations.

## REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS



### SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Communication Skills
- Global Knowledge and Citizenship
- Critical Thinking
- Competency in Another Language
- Diversity
- Cultural Awareness

### CAREERS

- Communications Specialist
- Teacher
- Translator
- Interpreter
- Language Analyst
- History/Culture Representative

### EMPLOYERS

- Mankato Area Public Schools
- Law Firms
- Government Agencies
- Airlines
- Historical Societies
- Communications Firms

## INSPIRED ACTION



### EMPLOYMENT RATE

**88.9%**  
of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation.

Graduates: 15  
Respondents: 9  
[link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up](https://link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up)

### MEDIAN SALARY

**\$57,490**

The median annual wage for Educational Instruction and Library Occupations in May 2022.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Educational Instruction and Library occupations, at [link.mnsu.edu/french-salary](https://link.mnsu.edu/french-salary)

### PROGRAM WEBSITE



[hss.mnsu.edu/french](https://hss.mnsu.edu/french)

# COURSE CURRICULUM AND REQUIREMENTS

<b>Skills:</b>	<b>Literature:</b>
<b>(Students must complete all four courses)</b> FREN 302W Advanced French Composition FREN 323 French Phonetics and Applied Linguistics FREN 366 Oral Communication FREN 404 French Syntax	<b>(Students must complete at least two courses)</b> FREN 350 Introduction to French Literature FREN 420 French Seminar FREN 432 French Literature I FREN 442 French Literature II FREN 452 French Literature III
<b>Civilization:</b>	<b>Major Electives:</b>
<b>(Students must complete one course)</b> FREN 305 France Today FREN 402 French Civilization	Additional credits not required for the major and not completed as part of the Intermediate sequence may be selected from a pre-approved list of electives (see current bulletin).
<b>Required Minor:</b>	
Students pursuing a degree in French must also minor in another field. Popular choices are other languages, Communications Studies, Marketing, Accounting, Art, and History. Please note that this requirement does not apply to double majors.  Students who begin their French studies at Minnesota State University, Mankato at the 100 or 200 level may count credits from FREN 201 and FREN 202 toward the total credits required for the French major, but these credits will not replace any specific program requirements listed above.  Students may be allowed to substitute other courses for the standard requirements listed above. Often, this will occur when a student chooses to participate in a study abroad program, when a special one-time course is offered, or when a motivated student chooses to pursue an independent study with a program faculty member.	
<b>French, BS in Teaching</b>	
<b>Additional Courses:</b>	<b>Additional Requirements:</b>
Students pursuing a BS in Teaching degree are required to take four teaching methods courses taught by World Languages and Cultures Department faculty. These courses provide instruction in both the theoretical framework and practical implementation of language instruction and acquisition in the classroom.  WLC 460 Methods of Teaching Modern Language WLC 461 Applied Modern Language Teaching Methods WLC 462 Foreign Language Elementary School (FLES) Methods WLC 463 Applied (FLES) Methods	While there is no required minor for this version of the French BS, students do need to complete an additional major course of study in Professional Education. For details, please see the Secondary Education section of the current Undergraduate Bulletin.  Students selecting this option must also demonstrate an intermediate-high level speaking proficiency as defined in the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines established by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages or equivalent. Also required are firsthand experiences with the target cultures or their equivalent.

For more information about program requirements, visit:  
[mnsu.edu/academics/academic-catalog](http://mnsu.edu/academics/academic-catalog)

## LEARN MORE

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