

FRENCH CURRICULUM

Engaging, life-relevant and hands-on courses with individualized faculty attention

- Small classes
- Interesting and diverse topics (food, comic books, cinema, the Caribbean...)
- Practical and fun assignments (community outreach projects, posters, performances, movie dubbing project)



FRENCH COURSES IN OTHER DEGREES AT SU

Use your French courses toward the completion of other SU degrees!

- Majors:

Ethnic and Intercultural Studies International Studies International Business

- Minors:

Comparative Literature
Ethnic and Global Literature
Ethnic and Intercultural Studies
European Studies
International Studies



FRENCH IN THE WORLD

French: a global language

- Spoken by more than 300 million people and on the five continents
- The only language (with English) to be taught in every country in the world
- One of the official languages in 33 countries (second only to English with 45 countries)

Study abroad at SU: programs in many Francophone countries

- eg. Semester-long in Lyon, France (credits for 4 French courses) Winter Term in Martinique (credits for 1 course)
- John K. Knowles Foreign Study Scholarship





FRENCH LOCALLY

A growing Francophone community from Haiti

- Nearly 20,000 Haitian immigrants on the Eastern Shore
- Maryland: the sixth state for Haitian settlement in the U.S

Local work and volunteer opportunities for French speakers

- Community outreach: school tutoring, English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes
- Positions in schools, businesses, hospitals, non-profit organizations...



A FRENCH DEGREE ON THE JOB MARKET

A way to make more money!

Bilingual employees can earn between 5% and 20% more per hour than those who only speak one language (Financial Post, 2021)

A way to acquire the skills valued by employers

- "Today, companies can't afford to hire inflexible candidates, which is why job seekers who excel in broad, generalized skill sets often have advantages over specialized candidates."
- "Candidates with transferable skills can be molded to meet evolving business needs and can add value, even if those needs change altogether. These skills are generally considered soft skills, but most employers view them as more important than so-called hard ones. That's because they're developed not taught."
- --Forbes: "In A Crowded Job Market, Here Are The Right Skills For The Future" (January 2021)

Essential job skills developed through a French degree (Forbes)

- Diversity and cultural competence
- Critical thinking
- Decision making
- Information literacy
- Emotional intelligence, interpersonal communication

- Teamwork, collaboration
- Adaptability, flexibility
- Creativity
- A sense of curiosity
- Oral communication/public speaking skills

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