

Major in Romance Languages: French & Francophone Studies ; Minor in French



French and Francophone Studies

Studying French at Carolina provides students with the opportunity to acquire a working command of the French language (reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension), as well as an introduction to French and Francophone literatures and cultures. To experience the culture and language of French and the Francophone world, students can participate in a wide choice of study abroad programs and internships, including the UNC study abroad program in Montpellier.

The French major provides students with a more thorough command of the language, as well as a comprehensive knowledge of French literature, culture, and civilization. French majors are also trained in research methodology in French, Francophone, and European Studies.

French majors have gone on to careers in education, international business, law, journalism, publishing, social work, health professions (ie: medical and nursing school), as well as graduate study in French.

The Curriculum

The **French Major** consists of two gateway courses: one course chosen from Conversation I (French 255), Literature and the French-Speaking World (French 260) or Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in the French-Speaking World (French 262) and Grammar & Composition Review (French 300), plus seven upper-level courses chosen from our offerings in French & Francophone Culture, Literature and Film courses. For the **French Minor**: The same two gateway courses plus three additional courses.

Sample Course Offerings

- French Civilization (FREN 330)
- Current Societal Issues: France and Beyond (FREN 350)
- French Literature Survey courses (FREN 370, 372)
- New Wave Cinema (FREN 386)
- Francophone Literature and Film (FREN 375)
- Identity and Nationhood in Québécois Literature (FREN 376)
- Paris/Versailles: The Court and the City in the 17th Century (FREN 387)
- French Phonetics (FREN 565)
- Special Topics Seminars, such as: Crime in French Literature, French Fairy Tales, Foreign Women in French Literature, and the History of French Cinema.

French Studies in a Global Context & Research opportunities

French majors at UNC study the cultures of all regions of the French-speaking world as well as French perspectives on a range of global issues. The French program partners with the [Center for European Studies](#) and the [Center for Global Initiatives](#) to offer students access to volunteer projects, fellowships, and other exciting opportunities at UNC and around the world. CES:

French majors pursue independent research projects including a Senior Honors Thesis. French majors have been awarded prestigious [research fellowships](#) including Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF), Honors Thesis Grants, and Center for Global Initiatives research grants.

Study Abroad

Working with the Study Abroad Office, students can enhance their program of study with an immersion experience in a French-speaking country. UNC offers a year- or semester-long program in Montpellier (a vibrant university town in the south of France), summer programs in Paris and Lyon, Grenoble, and exchange programs with the prestigious Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Science Po) in Paris, Université Jean Moulin in Lyon, and McGill University in Montréal, to name a few.

For details, visit:

<http://studyabroad.unc.edu>
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Extracurricular Opportunities

The French Club: "Les Francophiles" is an active, student-run French Club hosting conversation nights, film nights, and other activities and celebrations for all students of French and the Chapel Hill community. For more information, visit:

Pi Delta Phi: the national French Honor Society.