

Welcome to French!

Major Overview:

The French Major offers two areas of study:

- French Language and Literatures
- French Language and Linguistics

After completing Intermediate French, students may select from a wide range of specialized courses about the language, literature and cultures of the French-speaking world. Students who chose to major in French often choose to double major within a different discipline - in the humanities, social/natural sciences, or something else.

Our majors have the option of getting their BA plus an advanced degree in 5 years: **BA +MA; BA +MAT, BA + MPA**. For more information about these programs, click [here](http://www.binghamton.edu/romance/grad-accel.html). [http://www.binghamton.edu/romance/grad-accel.html]

Many French majors choose to immerse themselves in the culture and language they are learning in our courses by studying in a French-speaking country. We work closely with the Office of International Programs and advise students on the best study abroad programs for them. Many of these programs offer internship opportunities while abroad. Study abroad courses at approved institutions can also count toward the major. Click [here](http://binghamton-oip.terradotta.com/) to find out more about Study Abroad. [http://binghamton-oip.terradotta.com/]

Our university is part of the National Student Exchange, so students can take courses at other universities (e.g. in Canada), thus decreasing the cost. Click [here](http://binghamton.edu/national-student-exchange/) to find out more about NSE. [http://binghamton.edu/national-student-exchange/]

Courses:

First-year courses to consider:

- **FREN 111** (Elementary French I)
- **FREN 115** (Elementary French II)
- **FREN 211** (Intermediate French I)
- **FREN 215** (Intermediate French II)
- **FREN 241**
- **FREN 341**
- **FREN 351**

Please consult [Placement Guidelines](#) for French; should you have further questions, contact the Department.
[<http://www.binghamton.edu/romance/041515%20PlacementGuidelines%20-%20French.pdf>]

Students who are interested in pursuing the French Language and Linguistics track are encouraged to take **LING 118** (Introduction to Linguistic Structures).

Click [here](#) to access the University Bulletin for an in-depth description of each course. [<http://bulletin.binghamton.edu/>]

Sample selection of advanced courses for French majors:

- French in North America
- Saints and Sinners
- Dynamics of Desire
- Women Who Say No
- Among the Animals
- Race, Roots, and Identity in the French Caribbean

Research Areas:

The faculty of the French Department are not only outstanding educators but are recognized and published scholars within their respective fields of research which include:

- Linguistics
- Quebec Studies
- Language and identity
- Haitian Studies
- Caribbean Feminisms
- The comic tradition in French Theater
- Gender and power in the early modern period
- The Bible in the Middle Ages
- Romance philology

Post-Graduation:

The French Language and Literatures/Linguistics majors not only provide a student with a solid foundation of language skills, but also develop the student's written and oral communication skills, critical thinking skills, and overall cultural awareness.

After graduation, many French majors have applied for and been accepted to serve as paid Assistants d'anglais in France and its territories (Martinique, Guadeloupe, and the island of Réunion). Besides teaching careers and the pursuit of advanced degrees in education, linguistics, and translation and interpretation, our majors have become lawyers, doctors, veterinarians, researchers in major hospitals and public health programs. They have obtained jobs in government foreign service and in the internationally focused corporate world. Their strong knowledge of French has given them that extra edge.

Our majors are eligible for scholarships specifically earmarked for them. For further information, click [here](http://www.binghamton.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships/). [http://www.binghamton.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships/]

In addition, our majors are frequently recipients of Study Abroad scholarships, such as the Rosefsky Award. We take advantage of opportunities the university provides for recognition of excellence by nominating our majors for awards, honors, fellowships, and scholarships that can make a significant difference when they apply to graduate programs or for jobs. Because of our commitment, our majors have won the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, Fulbright Scholarships, and numerous Foundation Awards at graduation

Thank you for your interest!
We look forward to welcoming you into our classes!

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