



MERRIMACK COLLEGE

# SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

## FRENCH



The French major offers a variety of courses and programs that help language students at all levels – from absolute beginners to heritage speakers – strengthen their linguistic skills, expand their understanding of the world, and connect different disciplines together. Gaining competency in a second language exposes students to systems of thought and expression different from their own, introducing them to new ideas, customs, habits, and values. Our faculty is trained to provide students with a unique set of international and interdisciplinary cultural opportunities designed to broaden their cultural horizons, enhance their intellectual flexibility, and increase their adaptability in the context of an ever-changing global workplace.

### ENGAGING COURSEWORK

A dynamic curriculum builds strong practical knowledge from introductory classes to specialized coursework.

The major is designed to develop skills in reading and writing, promote understanding and appreciation of world cultures and literatures, and enhance students' ability to communicate in French. Language study also fosters the understanding of grammar structures in one's native language, improves oral and written skills, and affords a deeper awareness of the dynamics of communicative exchanges.

A selection of program coursework includes:

- FRE 3010 Composition and Culture
- FRE 3030 French Cinema
- FRE 3130 Studies in Modern French Literature I
- FRE 3510 French Civilization I

### REWARDING CAREER PATHS

Directly and indirectly, the study of languages and their cultures and literatures will provide you with important job-related knowledge and skills that can give you a competitive edge. These include the ability to solve problems and to think analytically and creatively, to communicate effectively and confidently in writing and in person, and to act with versatility and flexibility. Graduates of the French major program pursue careers in business, education, government, and the non-profit sector; and many also pursue advanced degrees.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

#### Study Abroad

Students are strongly encouraged to study abroad for a semester or more at our Study Abroad Program in Angers, France, which offers an exceptional variety of courses and opportunities for students of French. French majors also have the opportunity to teach English in select French schools, thanks to the collaboration of our French Program with the Embassy of France.

#### Teacher of Foreign Languages

Students interested in preparing for a career as teachers of French at the secondary and middle school level have the following two options: they may major in French and pass the Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure (MTEL) to obtain a 5-year preliminary license to teach French. Alternatively, they may double major in French and Education to obtain an Initial License. Elementary teachers can easily double major in French and Elementary Education.

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### QUESTIONS?

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