INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The French major opens the door to understanding the language and cultural production of France and the French-speaking world. Majors advance their oral and written competency in French through studies of linguistics, translation, film, and literature. Courses in the French department emphasize the ties between language and the arts on the one hand and history, politics, race, and gender on the other. Students of French bring the insights developed through contact with this famously rich culture to a critical appreciation of their own.

WHO STUDIES FRENCH

The French major interests students desiring a general humanistic education based on the language and literature of the French-speaking world; students planning to teach French at the elementary or secondary level; students who intend to pursue graduate work in preparation for teaching and research at the college level, and students preparing for careers in such areas as law, business, or government service, which require both training in a major foreign language and/or a general background in a humanistic discipline.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Immerse yourself in French language with UC Study Abroad in France and Senegal or Berkeley Summer Abroad in Paris.
- Build skills in a Berkeley Global Internship in Paris.
- Complement your studies with a secondary field like Linguistics, Global Studies, Political Science, Political Economy, Art History, English, Molecular and Cell Biology, or Media Studies.
- Find out about France for the Pre-Med.
**FRENCH**

**Bachelor of Arts**

**EXPLORING YOUR MAJOR**

**FIRST YEAR**
- Read placement guidelines and enroll in a French language course.
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plan.
- Review major and college requirements.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Complete the lower division prerequisite French language sequence.
- Enroll in the prerequisite course FRENCH 102: Writing Skills in French and meet with the major advisor to declare the major.
- Review major guidelines for study abroad.

**THIRD YEAR**
- Engage your major.
- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
- Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.

**FOURTH YEAR**
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Focus on upper division requirements.
- Review study abroad courses that satisfy French major requirements.
- Ask your major advisor about the French honors program.

**CONNECT AND BUILD COMMUNITY**

**FIRST YEAR**
- Get French tutoring through the French department tutoring program.
- Get 1:1 mentoring from graduate students with L&S Mentors Program.
- Find conversation exchange groups at the Student Learning Center.
- Explore the Berkeley Language Center.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Join a French cultural student organization such as Le Cercle Francés of Berkeley.
- Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.
- Enroll in FRENCH 191 to become a French tutor.
- Attend guest lectures in the department.

**DISCOVER YOUR PASSIONS**

**FIRST YEAR**
- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
- Explore the scholarly and leisure reading materials at the Library of French Thought.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Take a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
- Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through URAP and SURF-SMART.
- Check out the URAP in European Studies.
- Build your research skills in HUM 191: Research Bootcamp.

**ENGAGE LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY**

**FIRST YEAR**
- Attend the Calipalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
- Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
- Explore study, internship, and research abroad options in France with Berkeley Study Abroad.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Immerse yourself in French with Berkeley Summer Abroad in Paris.
- Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
- Look into study abroad scholarships and the French department Flight Fund.

**REFLECT AND PLAN YOUR FUTURE**

**FIRST YEAR**
- Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
- Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner.
- Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
- Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**

**Jobs and Employers**
- Advancement Assoc., French Int’l Sch.
- Annual Fund Supervisor, L.A. Opera Comm’s Specialist, UN Women
- Computational Linguist, MITRE
- Content Manager, Air France
- Executive Briefing Manager, Oracle
- Interpreter, Cordon Bleu, Paris
- Invest. Banking Anlst., Goldman Sachs
- Lawyer, Marketing Specialist
- Philanthropy Specialist, Mercy Fdn.
- Physician, Planning Assoc., City of Los Angeles
- Public Health Professional
- PR Coordinator, Verba Buena Center
- Res. Asst., MD Anderson Cancer Ctr.
- Software Engineer, Amazon, Yelp
- Teaching Asst., Teaching Asst. Pgm. Fr.
- Technical Recruiter, Bloomberg
- Translator & Précis Writer, UN

**Graduate Programs**
- Business, Masters
- Art History, PhD
- French, Masters and/or PhD
- International Public Mgmt., Masters
- Law, JD
- Linguistics, PhD
- Medicine, MD
- Public Health, Masters
- Public Policy, Masters
- Secondary Educ. & Teaching, Masters

**Examples gathered from the July 2019 French Department LinkedIn network and the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.**

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