

explore majors with OAAS!

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Major: French, BA

Study French language, literature, and culture and learn to communicate with more than 200 million French speakers in more than 50 countries. French majors are encouraged to take advantage of our study abroad programs to grow linguistically and expand their cultural understanding of French-speaking societies.

What skills do students develop in this program?

The intellectual shaping of the mind that foreign language acquisition provides for the truly global person of today and tomorrow is well served by French studies. For example, increased globalization demands individuals who are mobile, culturally adaptable, and proficient in foreign languages. French majors gain a broad worldview, understand diverse socio-political environments, and develop mental flexibility--all of which are crucial in a rapidly evolving world.

What kind of student is a good fit for French?

All students interested in the French-speaking world, international matters, and global issues.

Are there any popular classes in the program that you would suggest or recommended classes for a student who is just starting to explore the major?

An incoming student will take a placement test to determine their level in French. If you are new to French, then FCH 101: Basic French I is the perfect place to start. All our language courses provide insights into French culture. Upper-level courses range from phonetics, contemporary France, literature, film, translation, and civilization to business as well as literary and philosophical figures.

What are examples of internships and/or research opportunities that students in this major are currently working on or have access to as majors in this program?

Students of French have received internships at the French Consulate, the French Lycée, Alliance Française, law firms in France, French art venues, and the French film industry.

DePaul also offers two study abroad programs in Paris: one at Alliance Française and an exchange program at Sciences Po, an elite institution in the social sciences. For French majors interested in

pursuing a career in education, the French department partners with the College of Education to award teaching degrees at the middle school and high school levels.

What are students doing after graduation?

French majors can use their skills in a wide variety of careers after graduation. Some examples include public policy, international business, translation services, language education, immigration work, social services, law, human rights advocacy, graduate school in France, banking, and human resources.

Other interesting facts about the French major?

Don't hesitate to reach out to the French faculty to get to know more about what we have to offer!