



HIGHLIGHTS

- Year 1** First French and Francophone studies course
- Year 2** Core literature and culture courses
- Year 3** Elective courses in translation, advanced oral expression, or Caribbean societies
- Year 4** Capstone course in fall semester. Honors thesis in spring?

Introduction to the Major

Intellectually curious? Ready to explore and discover? Eager to connect with others? Then check out the French and Francophone studies major!

By studying the French language and the literatures and cultures of French-speaking societies, students learn to see differently and to think critically about the world. What do language and literature tell us about a given society or time period? Our students interrogate structures of power, analyze discourse and narrative, consider questions of identity and social relations across the Francophone world, and come to understand how such interrogations relate to their own lives.

CORE COURSES

In the core literature courses, you will become familiar with textual analysis of works representing various time periods and literary traditions. The core culture courses turn a critical eye to film, texts, and the arts to explore cultural and societal realities of the Francophone world and the history that shaped them. Courses in the major include:

- Popular Culture in France
- Readings in French and Francophone Literature
- Cultural criticism courses in French
- The National Imagination
- Capstone in French and Francophone studies
- Study abroad in France or Senegal

"Studying French broadened my options for studying abroad. With my French, I could experience Morocco and Cameroon to a fuller extent, listen to peoples' stories, and create cross cultural connections."

— AMELIA LEGATO '23. FRENCH MAJOR



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MILLION
people in Kinshasa
speak French

FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES *Bachelor of Arts*



DESIGN
YOUR
JOURNEY



Explore
and navigate
Clark curriculum



Connect
and engage
with communities



Discover
and pursue
your passions



Develop
professional
skills



Reflect,
design
and plan

YEAR

1

YEAR

2



□ Explore the French and Francophone studies major

Take a comparative literature First-Year Intensive (FYI) and learn how to analyze texts and cultures.

Check the placement guidelines on the department website for which language, culture, or literature course to take.



□ Identify potential Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) courses with the support of an adviser

How can these courses support your academic interests?



□ Learn about campus resources

Make ClarkYou your default homepage and explore student resources related to academics, campus life, and health and wellness.



□ Get connected

Meet the French TAs and attend their cultural and social events. Get involved through the Office of Community Engagement and Volunteering.



□ Explore off campus

Seek French and Francophone art, books, and films at the Worcester Art Museum and the Worcester Public Library. Taste West African food at an area restaurant or the Public Market. Volunteer with African Community Education, a local organization supporting refugees and immigrants.



□ Reflect on what sparks your interest

What new interests have you discovered? What do you want to try? How you would like to apply and develop your skills?



□ Dig and define your interests

Gain a deeper understanding of French cultural identities by analyzing various forms of French literature and cultural expression.



□ Declare your major

Consider doing a double major. Speaking French enhances other skill areas and opens other doors.



□ Prepare for study abroad

Research program options in France. Look into study-abroad scholarships. Talk to returned study-abroad students.



□ Start networking

Expand your professional network by signing on to ClarkCONNECT. Talk to alumni and others in your desired field to learn about what they do.



□ Explore summer research opportunities and project funding

Log in to Handshake to find summer jobs and internships to build skills and experience. Opportunity Funding is available through the Career Connections Center (CCC).



□ Stay engaged

Volunteer with a Worcester-area nonprofit that serves Francophone populations. Join the Providence or Boston chapter of the Alliance Française and sign up for their newsletter.



□ Reflect on your Clark journey

What new interests have you discovered? What career options are you now considering that you want to test out? What questions do you still need to answer to determine your professional path?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

JOBS & EMPLOYERS

French and Francophone studies majors work in teaching and education administration, international development, publishing, health care, public policy, and more.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Our alumni pursue advanced study at the Institut des Sciences Politiques in Paris, McGill University, Tulane University, University Leeds in England, and more.

YEAR 3



Become a researcher

Talk to your professors about their research projects. Seek out research opportunities with faculty in other disciplines relevant to your interests and skills.



Get prepared

Make an appointment with your career adviser in the Career Connections Center (CCC) to discuss potential career paths or graduate school options.



Go beyond the classroom

Work as a Peer Learning Assistant (PLA) for one of our language classes. Mentor first- and second-year students. Work with the community through French courses.



Engage and strengthen your networks — on campus and off

Run for Francophone Club e-board. Connect with members of other clubs with ties to the French-speaking world (European Students Club, Caribbean and African Students Association).



Get out of here

Study abroad in France — will it be Grenoble, Rennes, or somewhere else?



Plan for next year and beyond

What are your goals after graduation? Connect with your career adviser to strategize and plan.

Make sure you are on track to complete all required major and PLS courses.



Look back and ahead

Reflect on what you have learned and how you have grown. Where are you confident? Who are your strongest supporters and mentors?



Pull it together with your capstone

Take the senior French and Francophone studies capstone course. Make sure you complete all 200-level requirements.



No regrets!

What's on your Clark undergraduate bucket list? Take an elective or two. Where do you need to build confidence or clarity?



Connect with alumni

Ask about their experiences in the job market, graduate or law school. How have their language skills and cultural knowledge benefited them professionally and personally?



Finish strong

Be sure to have completed all major core requirements and electives. Identify faculty who know you well and will serve as references or write letters of recommendation.



What's next?

Apply to be an English language teaching assistant at the University of Versailles or another school in France through the TAPIF or Fulbright program after graduation.



Get ready to launch

Attend a career fair to learn about potential paths & opportunities. Find ways to demonstrate qualities such as leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and initiative.



Ask the big questions

Reflect on your intellectual growth and how you have changed. What have you learned that you value? What action steps do you need to take this year to finish strong?

YEAR 4



AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR!

French is the language of NGOs, businesses, and the creative arts throughout the world.

Did you know that French is one of the working languages of important international agencies such as the United Nations, Doctors Without Borders, and Amnesty International? Did you know that the companies Dannon and Airbus are based in France? That your favorite musical, novel, or television show just might be French (Les Misérables, The Phantom of the Opera, Lupin)? And that you could fly from Boston to Haiti in four hours or drive to Montreal in five? So, whether for work, culture, or leisure, the French-speaking world awaits!

CONNECT WITH US!

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Advising

We are here to help at all stages of your Clark journey.

Your FFS adviser will help you plan coursework, discuss study abroad options, and explore ways to engage with Francophone cultures, locally and globally.

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