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COLLEGE

French

Spoken by more 200 million people on five continents, French is a globally important language of trade, culture and political systems and it is the second most commonly taught language in the world. French students at W&J learn the skills necessary to communicate in culturally appropriate ways with French speakers of diverse francophone communities. Courses range from beginning language to advanced topical seminars and immerse students in discovering “la francophonie.”

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Major Requirements

FRN 309 Advanced French I

FRN 310 Advanced French II

in addition to three 400-level seminars and one elective at the 200 level or above,

in addition to completing a minimum of one semester of study at a partner program in France or Québec, in addition to a capstone project.

Capstone project options include either an extended research paper associated with a 400-level seminar, or an oral presentation consisting of an inter-cultural analysis stemming from the study abroad experience or an electronic portfolio documenting achievement in the five national standards of Cultures, Communications, Communities, Comparisons, and Connections.

Minor Requirements

Students entering the program at the beginner level take seven courses: FRN 105, FRN 106, FRN 207, FRN 208, FRN 309, FRN 310, and one additional course at the 400-level.

Students who begin at an intermediate level take five courses: FRN 207, FRN 208, FRN 309, FRN 310, and two additional 400-level courses.

A full list of courses and descriptions can be found online in the College catalog.

Beyond the Classroom

Students have many opportunities for research, internships, conferences, and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J.

Research and Internships

- Semester to year-long programs are offered at CIEE-Rennes, Sciences Po-Aix, and the Université du Québec à Trois Rivières
- Summer Magellan projects and study abroad in French-speaking countries
- JayTerm travel courses in January or May

Careers

- Teacher Certification in French
- Journalism
- Diplomacy
- International law
- Government
- Banking
- Patent law
- Translation

Alumni Achievements

- Translation Project Coordinator at Trustpoint One
- Doctoral student in French language and literature at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 3-2 Engineering, Columbia University
- Security Studies, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs

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