Degree(s)
+ Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in French
+ Minor in French

About the Faculty
The French faculty have a broad range of specialties in French, including language, culture, literature, interdisciplinary studies and gender studies. We welcome the opportunity to speak with students about studies and opportunities in French.

Program Overview
The Bachelor of Arts in French program, offered by the department of languages, literatures and cultures, aims to develop students’ competency in the language, while increasing their knowledge of the French-speaking world. As our living environment becomes increasingly transnational, a major in French offers an attractive asset to careers in many fields, including business, medicine, politics, law and the humanities. In addition, the major prepares students for graduate work in French by providing them with a broad range of courses in French and Francophone literature and culture.

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Students are encouraged to enhance their major or minor through an immersion experience in a French-speaking country. SLU students can choose from a variety of study options in French including summer, semester and academic year programs in the cities of Lyon and Poitiers in France.

Curriculum
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The major in French consists of 30 credit hours of 3000- and 4000-level courses in French. Requirements include 12 credit hours of courses focusing on written and oral expression consisting of FREN 3010, FREN 3020, FREN 3030 and FREN 3040 and 18 credit hours of upper-division courses. With the approval of the department, up to nine credit hours of the upper-division courses can be in related fields, such as French history, art history and philosophy. After completing the 30 credit hours of coursework, students complete a senior inquiry project, under the guidance of a project director, that serves as capstone to the French major.

The minor in French consists of 18 hours of 3000- and 4000-level courses in French, including FREN 3010, FREN 3020, FREN 3030 and FREN 3040. All courses are taught in French.

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Graduate Programs
+ Master of Arts (M.A.) in French
For a full listing of graduate programs, visit graduate.slu.edu.
Admission Requirements

Freshman: All applications are thoroughly and carefully reviewed. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary criterion in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student’s ability to meet the University’s academic requirements and to qualify the student for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be approaching graduation from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

Internships and Careers

By combining practical aspirations with the humanizing and broadening effects of language study, our undergraduate major prepares you to perform in a number of rewarding careers. Accessibility to faculty is a hallmark of the department of languages, literatures and cultures. Our faculty will be happy to advise you on career options.

Career paths for French graduates include:
+ Education
+ International business
+ Non-governmental organizations
+ Foreign service
+ Law
+ Medicine
+ Research
+ Interpreting
+ Cultural services planning
+ Museum work
+ Relocation abroad services
+ Travel consultant
+ Study abroad advisor

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.

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