

FRENCH



Program overview

In High Point University's French program, you'll have the opportunity to pursue your passion for French through communicative courses on campus, in collaboration with your peers in French-related student clubs and activities, and abroad through study in a semester or year-long program in a Francophone country or on a faculty-led trip during the month of May.

The curriculum allows students to develop their fluency in speaking, reading, and writing French as they learn more about the countries and cultures that make up the Francophone world. In addition to courses that focus on grammar and composition, students explore a wide variety of topics, including translation, French culture and politics today, French history, contemporary film, creative writing in French, and the rich culture of French comics and graphic novels. Paired with their proficiency in the French language, this course of study provides students with a more nuanced understanding of the Francophone world and offers them access to a more complex and more fulfilling interaction with native speakers of French across the globe.

Many students combine their major or minor in French with another course of study, including International Business, International Relations, Communications, and Psychology, among others. By majoring or minoring in French, you'll be part of a rich multilingual community that values cultural exchange, diversity, and global community.

Program requirements

Major in French (B.A.): 36 Credits

- FR 2020: Intermediate French II (4)
- FR 2130: Readings in French (4)
- FR 3200: Introductory Literature Survey (4)
- FR 4010: Advanced Grammar & Composition (4)
- One Literature and One Culture & Civilization Course (8)
- Two additional electives (8)
- A capstone course or experience (4):
 - FR 4990: Senior Seminar
 - MFL 4810: Experiential Learning Option
 - Study Abroad Option

Minor in French: 20 Credits

- FR 2020: Intermediate French II (4)
- FR 2130: Readings in French (4)
- FR 3200: Introductory Literature Survey (4)
- One Culture & Civilization course (4)
- An additional elective (4)

International Business Major - French Track (B.S. B.A.): 20 Credits

Requirements for the french language track:

- FR 2010: Intermediate French I (4)
- FR 2020: Intermediate French II (4)
- FR 2130: Readings in French (4)
- One of the following:
 - FR 3030: Culture & Civilization of France
 - FR 3040: France Today
 - FR 3080: Francophone Cultures Outside of France
- FR 3180: Business French (4)

New Courses Include

- FR 4500: Translation and Interpretation
- FR 3600: Creative Writing in French
- FR 3200: Introductory Literature Survey

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Student activities

Be a part of a thriving Francophone community at HPU! You can participate in:

- Café Conversation, a twice-weekly French conversation Hour
- Pi Delta Phi, the National French Honor Society
- HPU French Club, a student organization that offers French related academic and social events, like chocolate tastings, movie nights, and homework help.
- Faculty-led study abroad trips to France and Francophone Countries for course credit during the month of May.



"My most impactful mentors at HPU were the French faculty. They are the most encouraging, inspirational teachers I have ever had, and were the reason I decided to pursue a French major at HPU. They helped me realize the importance of considering the global world, and how studying a language is an extremely rewarding and useful experience. They are both so up to date with the world our age group lives in, and they make learning fun and relatable for college students. They always gave me assignments that I could relate to."

- Savannah Stoughton, Class of 2019

"This was an interactive voyage during which I could have an insider experience of the country and the culture. A typical tourist isn't lucky enough to be able to say that they have done everything that we have on the French maymester. From speaking to bakers in a small city to engaging with French citizens, I can say that I felt more like a citizen than a tourist. This experience helped me to develop an appreciation of France and French culture much more profound than any textbook could have provided."

- Leah Vadas, Class of 2020

Our students

Diana Dau, Class of 2010 *French, Art, International Studies*
After graduation, Diana worked as a curatorial intern with the Weatherspoon Art Museum at UNC-Greensboro before pursuing an M.A. in International Development at American University.

Tabatha Davis, Class of 2010 *French, Biology*
Following graduation, Tabatha enrolled in medical school at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Dana Meredith Moore, Class of 2012 *French, Graphic Design*
While a student, Dana interned with French Heritage Furniture in High Point as a graphic designer, administrative assistant, and French-speaking correspondent to their furniture production team in France. She works in Kernersville doing marketing and graphic design for Tops and Trends, the largest Certified Automotive Restyler in the Southeast. She continues to work on a freelance basis for French Heritage Furniture.

Jillian Leahy, Class of 2013 *International Business with a French minor*
Jillian was awarded a job through the French Ministry of Education to teach English to high school students in Châteaudun in the Loire Valley in France.

Luiza Fogaca, Class of 2014 *French, International Business*
Luiza uses her Portuguese, Spanish, and French language skills while working locally with Schadig International as the representative for Latin America, the Caribbean and some Asian/Middle Eastern accounts.

Catherine Bakewell, Class of 2017 *Spanish with a minor in French*
Catherine was awarded a position teaching English as part of the Teaching Assistant Program in France. She plans to pursue graduate study in Comparative Literature, with a specialization in French and Spanish.

Zach Bonvallet, Class of 2017 *International Business with French emphasis*
Zach is a Sales Analyst at First Data Corporation.

Eniye Aimienoho, Class of 2018 *Psychology with a minor in French*
Eniye is pursuing a Masters in Mental Health Counseling at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Lindsey Edwards, Class of 2019 *French, Communications*
Lindsey is pursuing a Masters in Communication Management at Towson University.

Erica Schimmel, Class of 2019 *French, International Relations, Political Science, Economics*
Erica received a Fulbright U.S. Student Program English Teaching Assistantship in Moldova.

Alec Campbell, Class of 2019 *French, Psychology*
is pursuing a Masters degree in Industrial-Organizational Psychology at George Mason University.

Savannah Stoughton, Class of 2019 *French*
Savannah was selected to participate in the prestigious Teaching Assistant Program in France (TAPIF). She will be living and working in Bordeaux.

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