

French

Many exciting and enriching opportunities are available at NMU for students studying French. For example, students can apply for a seven or nine-month paid internship in France as an assistant to a secondary school teacher of English; or earn four credits of Upper Division, Division II Liberal Studies in the summer with FR 438 study abroad course. For 32 credits (8 French classes), a student can earn a second major in French, which is a useful addition to any major at NMU. Double majoring in French provides a solid portfolio for future studies and career nationally and internationally. Additionally, foreign language competency, sometimes in two languages, is required in many graduate programs.

Additional Considerations

Remember to take any necessary exams early; it can take six weeks for results to be sent to the schools to which you applied.

Job Outlook

Jobs in need of skills and competencies that are acquired while studying French are varied both in terms of specialty and salary. Examples of potential careers are listed on this brochure.

Course Work

This degree includes the following courses as part of the program requirements, and specific major requirements along with general education and graduation requirements.

Required Courses in Major: standard Track

FR201 Intermediate French I (4 cr.)
FR202 Intermediate French II (4 cr.)
FR300 Reading and Writing (4 cr.)
FR400 Advanced French Composition and Grammar (4 cr.)
French Electives: 102 & 300 or 400 level (20 cr.)
LG499 Grad Assessment for Language Majors

Required Courses in Major: Fast Track

FR200 Fast-Track French (4 cr.)
FR201 Intermediate French Advanced Placement Credit (4 cr.)
FR202 Intermediate French II (4 cr.)
FR300 Reading and Writing (4 cr.)
FR400 Advanced French Composition and Grammar (4 cr.)
French Electives: 300 or 400 Level (16 cr.)
LG 499 Graduation Assessment for Language Majors

No Minor is Required, but highly recommended (20 cr.)

Career Development

You should begin the resume-building process as soon as you can. The Academic and Career Advise-ment Center can assist you with career planning, while Career Services will help you fine tune your resume and look for jobs related to your field. In the meantime, the more hands-on experience you have, the better for future employment. Becoming involved in a professional related internship is a way to develop your professional skills and gain experience. Your academic course work is important as well, so be sure to maintain a high grade point average.

Skills and Competencies

The French Program at NMU emphasizes aptitude in cultural diversity, communication, critical thinking, reading, and writing, providing students with marketable and practical skills regardless of career path. Students learn to gauge nuanced cultural differences and to communicate effectively with people of different backgrounds, making them ready to navigate in today's professional environment of diversity. Students develop critical thinking leading them to approach difficult and abstract challenges with creativity and confidence. Unlike most other specialties, students studying French learn about international customs, gestures, attitudes, politics, history, world views and artistic contributions of French and Francophone people in 28 countries across 5 continents. French is a global language, second most frequently taught language in the world next to English. Along with English, French is the official working language in the United Nations, UNESCO, NATO, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), International Labor Bureau, International Olympic Committee, Council of Europe, European Community, Universal Postal Union, and International Red Cross. French is the dominant working language at the European Court of Justice, European Tribunal of First Instance, and the Press Room at the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium.

Potential Careers

A second major in French benefits students for employment in the following careers.

- Banking
- Engineering
- Environment Preservation
- Fiber Optics
- Finance
- Genetics
- Government
(State, Defense, and Diplomacy)
- Hotel Management and Hospitality
- International Trade
- Medicine
(Alzheimer's, Doctors w/o Borders)
- Nanotechnology
(Minatec Center in Grenoble)
- Nuclear Energy
- Optoelectronics
(conduct and detection of light)
- Reconstructive Surgery
- Tourism
- Video Gaming
(Activision Blizzard and Ubisoft)
- Voice Compression

Additional Resources and Information

For Career Planning and Opportunities:
Academic & Career Advisement Center
3302.1 C.B. Hedgcock
906-227-2971
www.nmu.edu/acac

Languages, Literatures & International Studies
145 Whitman
906-227-2940
www.nmu.edu/languages

For Job Search, Resume and Career Information:
Career Services
3302.3 C.B. Hedgcock
906-227-2800
www.nmu.edu/careers

For Information about NMU Student Organizations Associated with this Major Contact:
Center for Student Enrichment
1206 University Center
906-227-2439
www.nmu.edu/cse

French Club

Internet Resource Links:
www.careers.org
www.bls.gov

For Career Information with National Organizations:

www.mla.org -Modern Language Association
www.aifs.org -American Institute for Foreign Study
www.fl.vt.edu/french



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