Why study French at CMU?

Central Michigan University’s Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures offers a well-rounded curriculum to prepare you to communicate proficiently in French. As you explore careers in which French is a primary or auxiliary requirement, consider these key features that distinguish CMU’s French Program:

- Opportunities and scholarships to study abroad
- Small classes taught by teachers distinguished in their fields
- Cultural and social interactions with other French students through programs, entertainment, the French Club, and the French honorary Pi Delta Phi
- Free tutoring in French through Academic Services

Program curriculum

Students can earn a major in French through three degree programs: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Education, or Bachelor of Art / Bachelor of Science – Professional French Concentration. The department also offers a minor in French.

Study Abroad Opportunities

You can receive CMU credit while studying abroad for a summer, semester, or entire year in a variety of settings throughout the French-speaking world.

- Chicoutimi, Quebec: Université du Québec à Chicoutimi
- Angers, France: Centre International d’Études Françaises de l’Université Catholique de l’Ouest
- Nice, France: Institut pour les Affaires et la Gestion
- Montpellier, France: Univ. of Minnesota / Univ. Paul Valéry
French is a major international language. It is the primary language of our close neighbor to the north, Quebec, and it is the official second language of Canada. It is spoken France, which now has the fourth largest economy in the world, and it is the primary or secondary language in many French colonies in Latin America, the Caribbean, and parts of Africa and Asia.

Some career opportunities in French include:

- Corporate Representative
- Elementary or Secondary Teacher
- Government Employee
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Marketing Specialist
- Sales Representative
- Tourism/Hospitality Specialist
- Translator/Interpreter
- Travel Guide

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