Study one of the world’s most beautiful and influential languages with a B.A. in French from UND.

Studying French leads to a deeper understanding of history, culture, art, theater, fashion and much more. A degree in French from UND is a gateway to a world of opportunities.

Program Snapshot

Program type: Major
Format: On-campus
Est. time to complete: 4 years
Credit hours: 120 (major), 31 (minor)

Why Study French at UND?

More than 400 million people around the globe speak French, making it one of the most widely spoken and influential languages in the world. French is an essential language for anyone who wants to converse fluently in the international arenas of business, diplomacy, science, art and culture.

As a French major or minor at UND, you’ll immerse yourself in French language and culture and examine literature, film and other media from the 50-plus French-speaking countries of the world. You'll choose upper-division courses from the following categories:

- The study and practice of spoken and written French in national and international contexts
- An interdisciplinary approach to the study of Francophone literatures and films
- The understanding and analysis of Francophone perspectives regarding socio-cultural contemporary world issues

Our students have paired a major in French with engineering, medicine, education, aviation, criminal justice, music, history and many other fields.

French is also offered as a minor or certificate.

Priority Application Deadlines

FALL: FEB. 1* (FRESHMEN) | APRIL 15* (TRANSFER STUDENTS)
SPRING: DEC. 1
SUMMER: APRIL 1
*academic scholarship priority deadline

Program Highlights

- Spend a summer, a semester or a year studying abroad in a French-speaking country
- Participate weekly in our vibrant French Club.
- Work with faculty who hold doctoral degrees and expertise in a wide array of cultural and linguistic subjects.

Outcomes
A degree in French opens the door to a wealth of career opportunities in the United States and abroad. Researchers predict that French-speaking communities will grow rapidly in the coming decades, expanding opportunities to work in international business, tourism, diplomacy and much more.

UND’s proximity to French-speaking Canada means your French degree will increase your marketability in the local job market.

Our alumni have gone on to graduate study and/or careers in law, education, medicine, international business, human rights and more. With a degree in French from UND, you’ll be prepared for any career path you choose.