

French, BA

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Did you know that French is the fifth most spoken language in the world? An understanding of the French language and its renowned foods, cultures, communities and customs prepares you for a career of adventure and creativity as a globally informed citizen.

Program description


The BA program in French offers the opportunity to study the language, literature and culture of France and other French-speaking countries.

Students gain competence in reading, writing, speaking and listening to French and take a number of related courses on topics such as:

- art
- cinema
- colonization
- government and political science
- history and civilization
- international business
- literature and theater
- popular culture
- religion

Students are encouraged to join the French Club to help them gain proficiency in the language. In addition, the School of International Letters and Cultures offers faculty-directed summer [study abroad programs](#) in Lyon, France, and Quebec, Canada, and it endorses partnership and exchange programs in French-speaking Africa, Canada and Europe.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)
- **Second language requirement:** Yes
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an **accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree** with:

[Global Management, MGM](#)

[Language Teaching, MA](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Global opportunities

Global experience

There is no better way to learn a language than to be immersed in it. Being surrounded by French language speakers offers a learning experience that cannot be acquired in a classroom. By [studying abroad](#), students have the opportunity to strengthen their language skills not only by living in a Francophone country, potentially with a local host family, but also by earning ASU credit toward their degree.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends [these programs](#) for students majoring in French.

Career opportunities

Knowledge of multiple languages and intercultural competencies enhance any occupation and offer graduates many career opportunities.

Career fields using French include:

- advertising, marketing and communications
- diplomatic and foreign service
- domestic and international business
- fashion
- film, television and multimedia
- foreign correspondence and journalism
- international student services and study abroad
- interpreting and translation
- teaching and research

- travel and tourism

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

| Career | *Growth | *Median salary |
|--|---------|----------------|
| <u>Cultural Studies Professor</u> | 3.9% | \$80,910 |
| <u>Economist</u> ☀ | 6.3% | \$113,940 |
| <u>Education Professor</u> | 3.7% | \$66,930 |
| <u>Political Analyst</u> ☀ | 6.6% | \$128,020 |
| <u>Sociologist</u> ☀ | 4.5% | \$98,590 |
| <u>Translator</u> | 4.3% | \$53,640 |

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).



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