

MINOR IN WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES: FRENCH



MINORS MATTER: FRENCH

WHY CHOOSE A LANGUAGE MINOR?

Did you study French in high school? Wondering how to keep and grow the French skills you already have? Interested in giving yourself an edge on the job market? A Language Minor is perfect for you! Even without prior study, you can complete a French Minor in 4 years.

In a word, it's **SMART!** In their future careers, language minors will reap many benefits.

- + **SUCCESS**
- + **MARKETABILITY**
- + **ADAPTABILITY**
- + **RESPONSIBILITY**
- + **TRAVEL**

WHAT MAJORS SHOULD MINOR IN A LANGUAGE?

A language minor works for all majors. Many of our French minors have majors in Music, English, Spanish, Political Science, Sociology, Communication Studies, and more.

HOW CAN A LANGUAGE MINOR HELP ME IN MY CAREER?

Your future employer will know that you can communicate effectively, exhibit cultural sensitivity and flexibility, understand diverse lifestyles and customs, and are equipped to adapt in a fast-changing world.

WHY CHOOSE A FRENCH MINOR AT EIU?

We award credit for work you have already done.

GET CREDIT FOR PRIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDY.

You will receive up to 6 credits free of charge for language study completed in high school. Credits count toward graduation and are applied after you complete two language courses (8 hours) at EIU. Students must begin in French 1102 (second semester French) or at the 2000-level.

GET CREDIT FOR THE SEAL OF BILITERACY.

A student who has received the State Seal of Biliteracy will receive a total of 8 credits. This is the equivalent of first semester (4 credits) and second semester (4 credits) French at EIU.

GET CREDIT FOR AP.

A score of 3 will receive credit for French 2201G Intermediate French I (4 credits). A score of 4 will receive credit for French 2201G and 2202G (8 credits). A score of 5 will receive credit for French 2201G, 2202G, and one 3000-level course (11 credits total).

YOU EVEN HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN CREDITS ABROAD.

Study in Angers, the historical capital of Anjou in the beautiful Loire Valley. Or choose Avignon, the cultural hub of Provence in southern France. Earn 12-16 credits. Or choose a 4-week summer program at a different university in France.

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INTRIGUED BUT NOT SURE?

Intermediate French I (WLF 2201G) and Intermediate French II (WLF 2202G) fulfill your Gen Ed Humanities requirement. Check it out, decide later.

HOW MANY HOURS ARE REQUIRED?

12 hours at the upper division (3000+) level. See catalog for credit hours of individual courses.

TYPICAL COURSE SEQUENCE:

WLF 2201G - Intermediate French I

WLF 2202G - Intermediate French II

UPPER DIVISION COURSES:

Take 4 courses on the 3000/4000 level for (at least) 12 hours total.

Choose courses from: French Conversation, French Phonetics, Advanced Grammar, French for Business, and from Topics courses on Francophone Cultures, Francophone Literatures and Film.

Interested in teaching? Teach our after school enrichment program in French (WLF 3501 Languages for Young Learners) and earn 1-3 language credits towards your minor.

WHAT CLASS SHOULD I TAKE FIRST?

With 2-3 years of high school French: Most students start in WLF 2201G Intermediate French I.

With 4 years of high school French: Most students start in WLF 2202G Intermediate French II.

NEED MORE ADVICE?

E-mail our Chair, Dr. Eydt-Beebe, for placement advice at ckeydt@eiu.edu

MORE REASONS TO CHOOSE A LANGUAGE MINOR AT EIU

LEARN FROM TOP FACULTY.

Our professors are fabulous, fluent, and fun. Get wowed by dynamic instructors who are dedicated to their craft.

GAIN EXPERIENCE AND CONNECT.

Teach our after school enrichment program in French. Intern at GlobalFest. Work as a French tutor in our World Language Center.

BUILD WORLD LANGUAGE COMMUNITY.

Have a great time with fellow language lovers. Join French Club. Discuss French-language rap and hip-hop, photography, painting, graphic novels, film and more. Enjoy French cheese-tasting events. Join Pi Delta Phi, the French National Honor Society. We have Conversation Tables in all languages, film nights, Honor Society events, Mardi Gras, Karneval, Oktoberfest, Latino Heritage Month, Fiesta Latina and more.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY:



"I chose to study French because in high school I enjoyed both the beauty of French and the process of language learning. I knew that French was also a language that opens up the world. Did you know that it has been projected that by 2050, 750 million people around the world will be French-speakers? That's 750 million people I'll be able to talk to, and all the possible jobs, opportunities, and communities that come with that. As an English major with Teacher Certification, the ability to speak French means I can teach English to French speakers around the world, which is my hope and plan."

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FRENCH MINOR; ENGLISH TEACHER LICENSURE MAJOR