



FRENCH STUDIES

French Studies immerses you in the language, literature, and culture of the Francophone world. The major develops advanced skills in speaking, reading, and writing French while exploring the history, creativity, and diversity of French-speaking societies.



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BACHELOR'S STRUCTURE

THE BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 120 CREDIT HOURS

The French Studies (FRE) major combines rigorous language training with cultural and literary exploration, guiding students from foundational skills to advanced analysis in a capstone seminar. Experiential learning is central to the program, with opportunities for study abroad at French-speaking universities or participation in Academic Travel courses to France and other Francophone regions.

CORE REQUIREMENTS

66
CREDITS

Academic Travel
(12 credits)
Academic Writing
(12 credits)
First Year Seminar
(3 credits)
Global Responsibility
(18 credits)
Modern Language
(15 credits)
Quantitative Literacy
(6 credits)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

51
CREDITS

Required Courses
(18 credits)
or equivalent proficiency
Four FRE Courses
(12 credits)
Major Electives
(15 credits)
Capstone Requirement
(6 credits)

ELECTIVES

3
CREDITS

In order to meet the minimum requirements of 120 credits, you will need to add elective courses

GET TO KNOW OUR FACULTY



PATRICK SAVEAU
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Studies

LEARN MORE

AND DISCOVER
THE COURSE LIST

ACADEMIC TRAVEL

EXPERIENCE THE PLACES YOU STUDY

Academic Travel courses allow students to learn beyond the classroom by exploring real-world environments alongside knowledgeable and passionate professors, turning travel destinations into immersive, living classrooms.

EXPLORE SOME MAJOR-RELATED ACADEMIC TRAVELS

CLCS 205T PARIS PROTAGONIST: LOST IN TRANSLATION – FRANCE

Explore Paris as a living, mythical protagonist through French literature and film. Develop your creative and analytical skills with daily writing prompts and site-based workshops in the City of Light.

CLCS 247T FRENCH CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS: POWER AND REPRESENTATION – FRANCE

Examine how French literature and visual arts shaped cultural perceptions and the politics of representation. Study museums, archives, and galleries in Paris and Marseille to analyze identity, power, and the reappropriation of cultural artifacts.

CLCS 251T READING MOROCCAN CULTURE – MOROCCO

Investigate contemporary Moroccan society through the lenses of gender, ethnicity, religion, and family. Gain insights from local scholars on social hierarchies, Berber identity, and Sufism in a rapidly evolving cultural landscape.

CLCS 258T DISCOVERING MOROCCO: FROM TRADITION TO MODERNITY

Experience Moroccan culture firsthand through immersive learning in Rabat, Fez, Meknes, and Essaouira. Explore history, society, gender, and religion while engaging with local scholars and daily cultural practices.



LEARN MORE

ABOUT ACADEMIC TRAVEL
AND EXPLORE OUR COURSES

TUITION AND FEES

The cost of attendance at Franklin University for a first-year undergraduate student or transfer student has two main factors.

DIRECT COSTS*: Tuition, housing, meals and health insurance.

INDIRECT COSTS: Books, materials, travel, and personal expenses.

*Some special conditions apply to students from partner institutions.

Please contact admissions@fus.edu for details.

SWISS/EU/EEA TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE

The Tuition and Fees shown below are in Swiss Francs (CHF) for

Swiss citizens or nationals of an EU/EEA member state.

TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE DIRECT COSTS*	AVERAGE INDIRECT COSTS**	TOTAL
First Semester	CHF 22,650	+ CHF 2,150	= CHF 24,800
Second Semester	CHF 22,150	+ CHF 2,150	= CHF 24,300

US/CANADA TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE

The Tuition and Fees shown below are in US dollars (USD) for

US citizens or permanent residents and to Canadian citizens

TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE DIRECT COSTS*	AVERAGE INDIRECT COSTS**	TOTAL
First Semester	\$35,105	+ \$2,700	= \$37,805
Second Semester	\$34,555	+ \$2,700	= \$37,255

INTERNATIONAL TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE

The Tuition and Fees shown below are in Swiss Francs (CHF) for students who are **not citizens of Switzerland, the US, or an EU country.**

TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE DIRECT COSTS*	AVERAGE INDIRECT COSTS**	TOTAL
First Semester	CHF 36,435	+ CHF 2,650	= CHF 39,085
Second Semester	CHF 35,935	+ CHF 2,650	= CHF 38,585

FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Visit www.fus.edu/admissions-and-aid/tuition

WHY CHOOSE FRANKLIN?



Dual Accreditation
US (MSCHE)
& Swiss (AAQ)



Residential Campus
8 Residence Halls



350+ Students
55+ Countries
8K+ Alumni Community



Academic Travel
Once a Semester for
Experiential Learning



19 Majors
1 Master
(Master of Arts in Sustainability
and Transformation)



WURI Ranking 2025
24th for Innovation
19th for Ethics and Integrity
17th for ESG Trend



10:1
Student to
Faculty Ratio



75% of Franklin graduates
obtain full-time employment
within 6 months after graduation.

3-YEAR OPTION

This major is also offered as a 3-year accelerated bachelor's degree, designed for students with specific high school academic credentials who are admitted to Franklin with advanced standing credit, equivalent to 30 US credits. This option grants students a jump start on their introductory level University courses.

HOW TO APPLY

- 1 Online Application**
Apply online through our [website](#) or [Common App](#).
- 2 Academic Transcripts**
Submit your official high school transcripts.
- 3 Personal Statement**
Share what motivates you, the experiences that have shaped you, and the goals you hope to achieve.
- 4 Recommendation Letter**
Provide one letter from individuals who can speak to your academic strengths and/or extracurricular involvement.
- 5 English Proficiency (if required)**
If your studies were not in English, submit a TOEFL, IELTS, or equivalent scores.
- 6 Interview**
A conversation for us to learn more about your ambitions, interest, and what drives you—so we can help design a path for your success at Franklin.
- 7 WELCOME TO FRANKLIN**

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Write to our counselors at admissions@fus.edu or visit www.fus.edu