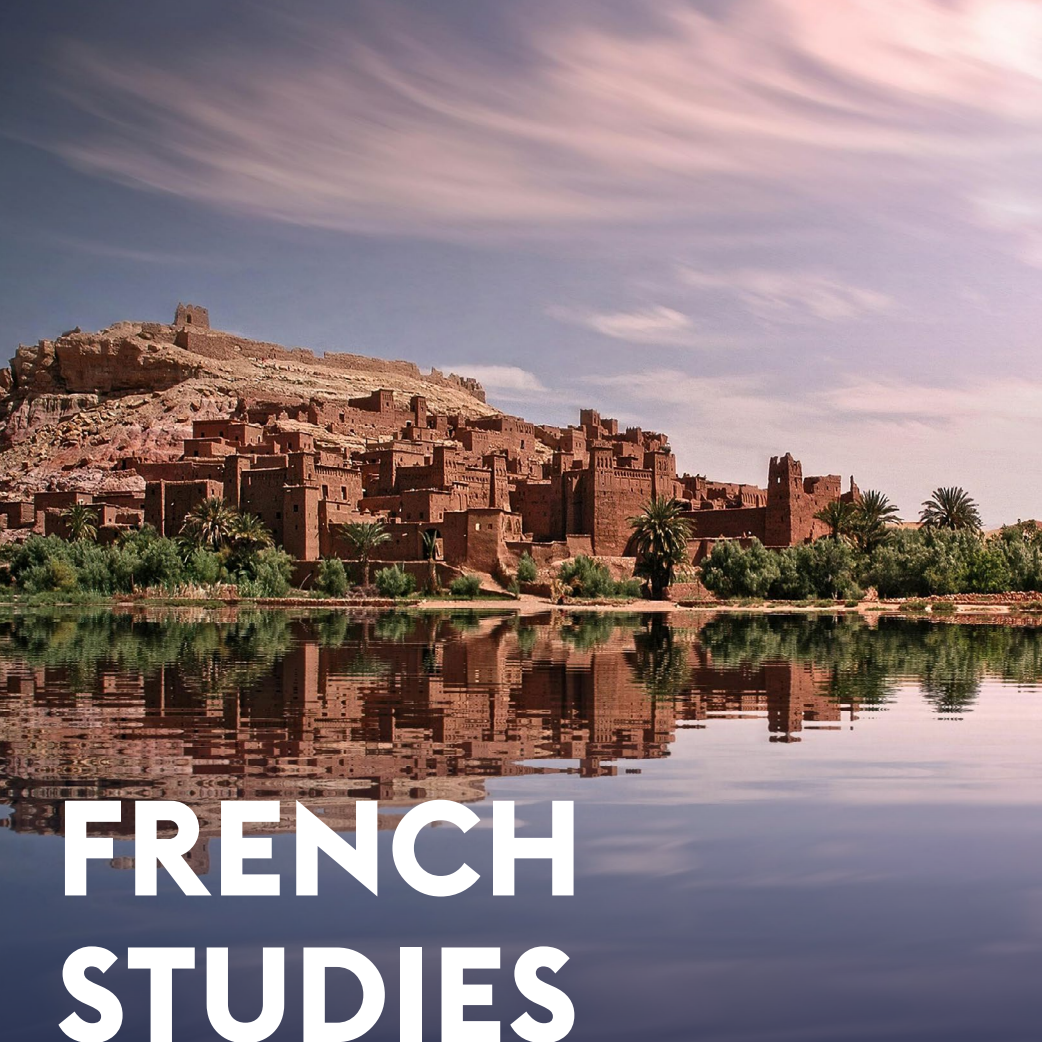


FRENCH STUDIES

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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MAJOR OVERVIEW

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.

YOUR DEGREE

A 120-CREDIT DEGREE DESIGNED AROUND YOUR INTERESTS

To earn a Bachelor's degree at Franklin, students must complete 120 credits across university-wide core requirements, major requirements, and elective courses. The curriculum combines a shared liberal arts foundation with specialized study in your chosen major, giving you both breadth and depth throughout your undergraduate experience.

CORE REQUIREMENTS

Courses and academic experiences shared by all Franklin students, designed to build essential skills and knowledge across disciplines.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Courses specific to your chosen major, including foundational, required, and elective courses within the discipline

INTERDISCIPLINARY ELECTIVES

Courses selected from across Franklin's curriculum to explore additional interests and complement your major.

Shared by all Franklin students

66 CREDITS

CORE REQUIREMENTS	WHAT IT DEVELOPS
First-Year Seminar, 3 credits	Introduces students to Franklin's liberal arts approach and develops critical thinking, academic research, and communication skills.
Academic Travel, 12 credits	Connects classroom learning with experiential study across different cultural and geographic contexts.
Academic Writing, 12 credits	Develops written and oral communication skills for academic and professional contexts.
Global Responsibility, 18 credits	Examines intercultural competencies, international engagement, and social responsibility.
Modern Language, 15 credits	Builds language skills and cultural literacy, with a focus on Swiss languages.
Quantitative Literacy, 6 credits	Develops the ability to interpret, analyze, and communicate numerical information and data.

Please note: in some cases, courses may fulfill both a Core Requirement and a Major Requirement.

FRENCH STUDIES REQUIREMENTS — 51 CREDITS

REQUIRED COURSES — 18 credits

FRE 100	Introductory French, Part I
FRE 101	Introductory French, Part II
FRE 200	Intermediate French, Part I
FRE 201	Intermediate French, Part II
FRE 300	Advanced French, Part I
FRE 301	Advanced French, Part II

FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING — 12 credits

FRE 302	Advanced French Conversation
FRE 320	Writing the Self: French Autobiography and Autofiction
FRE 324	Postcolonial Franco-Maghrebi Literature: Exile, Margins, and Re-Territorialization
FRE 370	Topics in French Literature
FRE 376	French Cinema: The New Wave

MAJOR ELECTIVES — 15 credits

One semester abroad in the French-speaking world (9 credits towards the major plus 6 elective credits) or

CLCS 100	The Stories We Live By
CLCS 110	Reading Cultures: Approaches to Cultural Studies

Three of the following

AHT 216	Introduction to the History of Photography
AHT 234T	Painting in France in the 19th Century: Reality, Impressions, Simultaneity
AHT 338	The City and Its Representation in the 20th Century
CLCS 200	Gender and Sexuality in a Global Context
CLCS 247T	French Cultural Institutions: Power and Representation
CLCS 251T	Reading Moroccan Culture
CLCS 254	Introduction to Postcolonial Literatures and Theories
CLCS 258T	Discovering Morocco: From Tradition to Modernity
CLCS 300	Masculinities in Literature and Film
CLCS 320	Culture, Class, Cuisine: Questions of Taste
HIS 202	History of Switzerland
POL 224	Politics and Society in Switzerland

SENIOR CAPSTONE REQUIREMENT — 6 credits

FRE 497	Senior Seminar in French Studies

One of the following

FRE 498	Internship in French Studies
FRE 499	Thesis in French Studies

*The remaining credits required to complete the degree are fulfilled through **interdisciplinary electives,** allowing students to explore courses across Franklin's academic offerings.*

CLICK HERE TO **LEARN MORE** ABOUT THE MAJOR

3-YEAR OPTION

This major is also available as a three-year accelerated bachelor's degree for students who qualify for advanced standing based on their high school academic credentials. Students admitted with 30 U.S. credits of advanced standing receive a head start on their university studies, allowing them to complete their degree in three years.

GET TO KNOW OUR FACULTY



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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 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 a one-month immersive program in Rabat with weekend trips to 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

WHY CHOOSE FRANKLIN?

Dual Accreditation
United States (MSCHE) & Switzerland (Swiss Accreditation Council)

Residential Campus
with 6 residence halls

350+ Students representing
55+ Countries
8K+ Alumni Community

Academic Travel
once a Semester for Experiential Learning

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

Language
Programs fully taught in English

Small Class Sizes
with 16 students on average; 10:1 student-to-faculty ratio

Career-Ready Graduates
75% of Franklin students secure full-time employment within 6 months of graduating; 95% within 12 months.



HOW TO APPLY

1. **Online Application**
   Apply online through our **website** or **Common App.**
2. **Academic Transcripts**
   Submit at least 3 years of 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**
   The recommendation letter can come from a teacher, counselor, or other staff member who is well acquainted with your academic profile.
5. **English Proficiency (if required)**
   If your studies were not in English, submit a TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo.
6. **WELCOME TO FRANKLIN**

HAVE QUESTIONS?

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