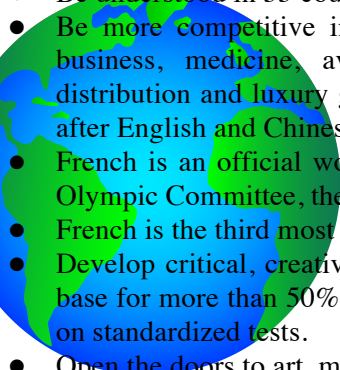


Learning French is not only fun but can also give you an edge in today's global economy. According to several studies, foreign language proficiency is the New Basic Skill for the 21st Century. Listen to Randy Steinhoff of Quest Diagnostics: "We conduct business in several international markets directly or through joint ventures. Foreign languages are important in a global economy. In the past, we had not paid enough attention to this. Now, knowledge of foreign languages is in our leadership profile. We're asking people what languages they speak."

Why take French? Here are some TOP REASONS TO TAKE FRENCH

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- Be understood in 55 countries across five continents and by over 200 million people.
 - Be more competitive in the national and international job market in disciplines like business, medicine, aviation, law, transportation technologies, global/international distribution and luxury goods. According to Bloomberg News, French was ranked third, after English and Chinese, as the most useful business language (8-3-2011).
 - French is an official working language of the UN, NATO, UNESCO, the International Olympic Committee, the European Union, the International Red Cross and much more!
 - French is the third most common language on the Internet.
 - Develop critical, creative thinking and problem solving skills. French also provides the base for more than 50% of the modern English vocabulary, which improves performance on standardized tests.
 - Open the doors to art, music, fashion, food, architecture and literature.
 - Discover a new appreciation for other cultures in countries that speak French such as Canada, Belgium, Switzerland, Monaco and many African nations.

French program at the University of Akron

The French Section of the Department of Modern Languages is small but welcoming, dynamic and innovative in terms of courses and extracurricular activities that lead to excellent results: our students achieve advanced level proficiency in spoken French in the exit interview and they consistently win the Maison Française annual French competition for colleges in Northeast Ohio.

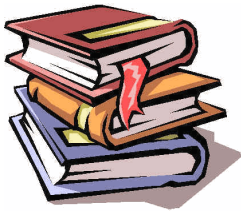
Language Requirement

- You can fulfill language requirement more quickly and at a lesser cost if you take advantage of the French courses you took in high school. Do take a placement test or CLEP exam, and/or contact Dr. Maria Adamowicz-Hariasz (madamow@uakron.edu) if you have any questions about the proper level.
- If you qualify, you can fulfill language requirement by taking one of the intermediate French level class (201 or 202) in only 3 weeks in France (Le Mans) during the summer program.

Minor/Certificate/Major

- You need only 4 classes (12 credits) at the 300-level to receive a minor in French.
- You can combine your interest in French with other disciplines (business, political sciences, history, art, and others) to receive a certificate in French/Francophone Studies.
- French Major has two tracks: strictly French (27 credits in French) or French/Francophone (30 credits in combination of French and other disciplines)
- If you had French in high school you can graduate with a French Major in three years instead of four.

Courses



In addition to fun and innovative language courses (conversation, composition) here is a sample of courses in culture and literature: *French Food; Paris, the capital of the world? French Cinema; French Theater from the farce to the absurd; Love and Society in the modern French literature; Francophone literatures and cultures.*

- You can earn credits from individual experience abroad.
- You can earn credits from internships and service learning.

Extracurricular Activities

- Bi-weekly chats in French in our Café Français: our conversation partners are native speakers—undergraduate or graduate students from France.
- Monthly activities organized by French Honor Society and French faculty such as: food preparing and tasting; games; culture trivia; outings to museums, plays, shows, movies; presentations by invited speakers from France and francophone countries. For photos and more information check our Facebook page for the UA French Community
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/410931125640978/>
- Our vast network with schools and universities in France can help you to establish individual contact with peers in France leading to exchanges of visits.



Study abroad

- Our collaboration with the Université du Maine, Le Mans, France, is growing and we have several exciting opportunities ranging from a 3-week summer program for intermediate classes, to one-semester or one-year studies, to one-year lecturer of English position available.
- Students interested in becoming French teachers can, after receiving their B.A. in French from the University of Akron in three or four years, continue their studies in Le Mans to receive their Master degree in FLE (Français Langue Etrangère).
- Students can take advantage of the TAPIF program offered by the French Ministry of Education and spend a year in France as Assistant d'Anglais.
- Other study abroad opportunities in France are available through the Office of International Programs: in Aix-en-Provence, Marseille, and Rennes.

Recent graduates

- are continuing in grad schools studying law, education, political sciences, history, translation, French literature and culture.
- are working as French teachers, Administrative Assistants, Human Resources Assistants, French Book Buyers, International Customer Assistants, Chemists and Engineers in international companies, Translators, etc.

Check our website (<http://www.uakron.edu/modlang/>) for more info.

Contact Dr. Maria Adamowicz-Hariasz (madamow@uakron.edu)

We look forward to seeing you in one of our French classes! À bientôt!