

# B.A. French | Major Map

## 2022 GRADUATE CAREER OUTCOMES

**100%** Secured Employment

**100%** Admitted Into Graduate School or Professional Program

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS ARE IN HIGH DEMAND

- More than 300 million people on five continents speak French — the second most learned language after English and fifth most widely spoken after English.
- Nine out of 10 U.S. employers rely on employees with language skills other than English; one in three report an increasing skills gap; 56% report that demand for employees with foreign language proficiency will increase in the next five years.
- Health care and social assistance fields will experience the greatest increase in the need for foreign language skills in the future; finding talented employees with foreign language skills continues to be challenging.
- Share your passion for languages and cultures with others by becoming a foreign languages teacher. Currently, 44 states are experiencing a severe shortage of qualified foreign language teachers.
- There are currently 274 million French speakers worldwide, and 741 million expected by 2050.

## POPULAR EMPLOYERS

School districts, colleges & universities, government, international affairs & foreign service, business & banking, travel & tourism, journalism & publishing; media & fine arts, health care & nonprofits, international education services & programs

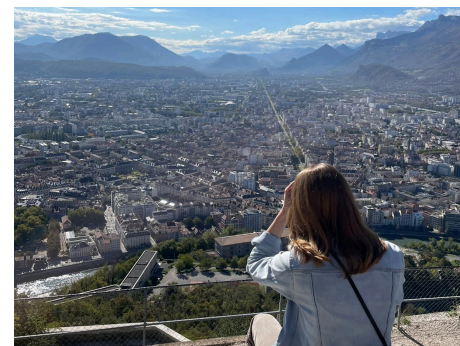
## Popular Study-Away Options



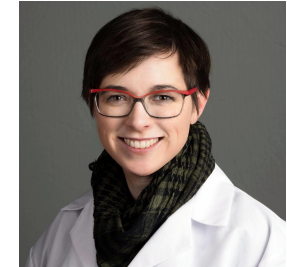
Paris, France



Québec City & Chicoutimi, Canada



Grenoble, France



"From living with a Parisian host family while studying abroad, to taking a course in Haiti as a medical student, learning French has been life-changing. As a physician interested in global health, French is also a major advantage."

Dr. Meredith Reynolds '12

## WHY STUDY FRENCH?

Proficiency in French provides a distinct advantage in global professional service, nonprofit, internship and teaching opportunities. By studying French, you will:

- **Gain** proficiency in French and an advantage in the international job market.
- **Study** a language that shares more than 20,000 vocabulary words with English, making French one of the easiest foreign languages for Americans to learn.
- **Experience** a semester, year-long or summer study-abroad program in France, Belgium or Québec.
- **Discover** a beautiful and analytical language that develops critical thinking skills that are essential for effective communication and negotiation.
- **Prepare** for an international career. French is an official working language of dozens of international organizations including the UN, NATO, European Union, World Trade Organization and International Olympic Committee.

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## FIRST YEAR

## MIDDLE YEAR(S)

## LAST YEAR

### EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

- Enroll in FREN 110 and 111.
- Review SOPHIA and program requirements with your academic advisor.
- Review your degree audit report, and create a tentative plan of study in Academic Planner.
- Participate in FYS 112 to further explore your major, hear from upper-level students about signature experiences and chart a personalized plan for your engagement.
- Explore and choose your major(s) or minor(s).

- Enroll in intermediate and advanced level French courses.
- Confirm your major, and explore minor or elective credit options with your French advisor and Student Success Center staff.
- Work with your faculty advisor and Student Success Center staff to find secondary majors or minors to pair with French.
- Experience a semester, year-long, summer or January Interim (J-Term) study-away program in Paris, Rennes or Grenoble, France, or Québec, Canada.
- Join Pi Delta Phi, the National French Honor Society.

- Enroll in French major/minor electives and complete French requirements.
- Finish requirements for additional majors/minors.
- Apply to graduate no later than Oct. 1, and review the degree audit provided by the Registrar's Office.
- Engage in research, and present your work at the annual research symposium.
- Consider completing an honors thesis in French through FREN 400.
- Apply for a year-long post-graduate English teaching assistantship at various high schools throughout France.

### ENGAGE & APPLY YOUR LEARNING

- Join the French Club and Languages, Literatures & Cultures Facebook groups:
  - [facebook.com/cercle.augie](https://facebook.com/cercle.augie)
  - [facebook.com/LALCAugie](https://facebook.com/LALCAugie)
- Access your Viking Central account. Participate in campus organizations such as the French Club, Augustana International Club or Serving and Learning Together (SALT).
- Explore study-away opportunities at the study-away fairs.
- Create an account in Augie Opportunities.

- Apply for elite scholarships: Pi Delta Phi, the National French Honor Society (\$4,000-\$8,000), Fulbright, Rhodes and/or Truman.
- Attend the Sophomore Retreat.
- Engage in campus leadership, internships, service and relevant summer employment.
- Participate in the alumni mentor program.
- Earn the Diversity Advocate Certificate.
- Apply for Knight Internship Funds and ASA transportation funds. Pursue elite fellowships.

- Take standardized exams (e.g., GRE, LSAT, MCAT), and share your application to graduate or professional schools with your advisor and CAP specialist for feedback.
- Attend the BIG (Business, Industry and Government) and Teacher Job Fairs.
- Continue to connect with alumni.
- Participate in mock interviews and networking events.
- Complete the career outcome survey to update us of your employment or graduate school plans.
- Join the Augustana alumni community.

**Chart your course today!**  
**Fais un plan de ton avenir!**

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