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Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (*including biology*)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language (*same language or two years of American Sign Language-ASL*)
- Academic electives (*to equal at least 17 total credits*)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

Major Requirements

- 12 credit hours above intermediate level that must include either FRE 305 or 306 and either FRE 209 or 310.
- At least 18 hours of 400-level French courses, which must include FRE 400 Advanced French Grammar; FRE 420 French Phonetics; and two courses in literature.
- French, French-Canadian, or Franco-American Civilization (3 hours)
- FRE 397 French May Term in Quebec or other immersion programs offered by the department (waived for a full-year or semester abroad experience.)
- Strongly recommended: INT 410 Introduction to the Study of Linguistics (3 hours); History of a Francophone country (3 hours); Full-year or semester abroad program.

Minor Requirements

- A minimum of 18 credit hours in French, 12 credit hours of which are above the intermediate level (FRE 212).

120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Program Description

Courses are offered in French language, literature, linguistics, and culture. Emphasis in the first two years is on “authentic” language, and is a proficiency-based modular program, which allows students to work on areas of interest and improve skills. Many programs throughout the University of Maine require or recommend the successful completion of 6 credit hours of a foreign language, or proven proficiency in a foreign language as an integral component of their majors. Students planning to teach a foreign language need to complete a major program in the department, as well as 18 credit hours in a subject commonly taught in school (i.e., history, English, mathematics, etc.)

Along with courses on Continental French language, linguistics, literature, and culture, the French Program offers courses in North American French language, literature and culture. Future teachers have access to courses leading to French teaching certification, including MLC 466: The Teaching of Modern Languages.

There are several study abroad options for French students, including Travel Study in Angers, France, an intensive Quebec May term, and an exchange with Laval University and other Canadian Universities. Students are encouraged to make study abroad part of their educational experience.

The International Affairs/French major combines 24 credit hours above the intermediate level in French with course work in anthropology, economics, history, and political science.

The French Minor. The French minor combines well with programs such as Business Administration (international business), Education, Sciences, Engineering, Journalism, and the Arts.

Internships have offered opportunities to students majoring in French. Some examples: Research/Editorial Assistant, Foreign Policy Research Analyst, work in private and public language schools and programs; travel tour guide, research assistants; graduate study.

Career Opportunities

Career options for students majoring in French include: teacher, study abroad coordinator, travel consultant, translator, diplomatic corps, banking, hotel service, international corporation, higher education admissions counselor, communications and journalism, and law. A foreign language is a skill which enhances job possibilities in every field: library sciences, medical and social services. In a global society, the knowledge of another language and culture is an asset that is of increasing importance in finding employment.

Graduates from this MAINE program have entered such positions as: New England Mutual Life Insurance; Language Consultant, NASDA Licensing Technician, Inlingua School of Languages; Cartographer, James W. Sewell Company; Linguist, National Security Agency; Foreign Language Teacher, Chewonki Foundation; Admissions Counselor, University of Maine at Fort Kent; Chief of Telecommunications, The Lafayette Hotel; Teacher, Peace Corps; Director, Young and Alive Daycare Center; Admissions Counselor, Westbrook College.

General Education Requirements*

ENG 101	College Composition
18 credits	Human Values & Social Context area (<i>a single course may satisfy more than 1 sub-category, but a total of 18 credits must be completed</i>) Western Cultural Tradition Social Context & Institutions Cultural Diversity & International Perspectives Population & the Environment Artistic & Creative Expression
2 courses	Designated Writing Intensive (<i>1 must be within the major</i>)
2 courses	Biological or Physical Sciences (<i>must include at least 1 laboratory course</i>)
1 course	Ethics (<i>emphasis on discussion of ethical issues in 1 course or series of courses</i>)
6 credits	Mathematics (<i>including statistics & some computer science, only 3 credits in computer science can count toward this requirement</i>)
1 capstone	An approved experience in which the student integrates the components of his or her undergraduate training to perform at a professional level. The capstone experience is usually completed during the senior year in consultation with the student's academic advisor.

**All UMaine students must complete these general education requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

Specialized Information

The department also offers a minor in French, German, Latin, or Spanish. The minors are open to all undergraduate, degree-seeking University of Maine students and require the completion of 18 credit hours of coursework in the desired minor.

All students, not only foreign language majors, are strongly encouraged to study abroad for a period of time during their undergraduate career. Among the most popular and successful opportunities are the exchange program with the Universite d'Angers Program at Rennes, France; Junior Year Abroad in Salzburg, Austria; and the CIEE Program in Seville and Alicante, Spain; as well as Argentina and the Dominican Republic.

Students may also major in French and Spanish and take the appropriate classes leading to an M.B.A. in the program which was developed in cooperation with the College of Business, Public Policy and Health.

Graduate Study

Students have gone on at this institution for Individualized Doctor of Philosophy degree programs in French. Graduates have also gone on for a Master of Arts or Doctor of Philosophy degree at such institutions as Rutgers, Cornell, the State University of New York at Buffalo, the University of Illinois, Bowling Green State University, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Purdue University, the University of California and Harvard.

In addition, graduates have received prestigious Fulbright Grants to study in Europe. Some former students have received advanced degrees in Literature and Language, others in Linguistics, Bilingual Education and Pedagogy.

Our students have gone on to teach in high schools and universities throughout the country.

Academic Programs 2008-2009

Please refer to the web site (<http://factsheets.umaine.edu/>) for the most updated version of the fact sheets.

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