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Curriculum

The program offers a minor in Franco American Studies as well as courses at all levels. Students who wish to minor in Franco American Studies complete eighteen credits, including FAS 101, and at least 3 core courses.

Core Courses:

- FAS 101 Introduction to Franco American Studies
- FAS 220 Franco American Literature in English
- FAS 230 Franco American Women's Experience
- FAS 329 Topics in Franco American Studies
- FAS 420 Autobiography and Cultural Identity
- FAS 440 Franco American Civilization (taught in French)
- FAS 442 French Language of North American (taught in French)
- FAS 458 History of French Canada and Franco Americans
- FAS 459 Colonial Canada

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Program Description

Franco American Studies is an interdisciplinary program that explores the French cultures of the United States. Its primary goal is to broaden the canon of knowledge on Franco American peoples, culture, and literature. Though emphasizing the people of Franco American heritage in Maine and the Northeast region, it recognizes that cultural patterns do not stop at national borders. The program encourages and facilitates faculty engagement, undergraduate exploration, and community research as it becomes a research and learning center for the people of Maine and beyond. Its curriculum seeks to help students reflect upon and understand their world. Study includes interdisciplinary core courses as well as offerings from other departments. Franco American Studies encourages students to investigate the historical, political, social, and cultural forces that have shaped the Franco American community and by extension, the racial and ethnic communities of the United States. Franco American Studies teaches an awareness and understanding of cultural difference, a necessary knowledge in today's increasingly global society.

Career Opportunities

The Franco American Studies program at The University of Maine complements different majors and prepares students for various career paths:

Business of Maine and its relation to Canada
Canadian Studies
Communication and Cultural Studies
Folklore
French
Literature and Linguistics
Museum Studies
Sociology and Ethnic Studies
Teaching, nursing, social work or any career working with the communities of the Northeast region
United States history, especially of the Northeast and Maine
Women's Studies

Franco American Studies prepares students to work with and understand one of the Northeast's largest ethnic groups; to comprehend better the French cultures of North America; to investigate the specific and local construction of race and ethnicity; to learn about the cultural heritage of Maine; and to research the literature, the language, and the history of Franco Americans.

Academic Programs 2008-2009

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