

# Le Français



SCHOOL OF THE HUMANITIES



“Studying abroad isn't just about learning another language; it's about learning to adapt to new situations, being willing to try new things, and being open to learning about yourself. While I was abroad in France I got to meet new people, explore centuries-old cities, and experience life like would never be possible here in the United States. Studying abroad truly is a unique experience that everyone should try.”

Chad Watkins '07



## Renseignements Globales

Le français se parle en 44 pays par à peu près 450 millions de gens. Quoique ceci ne comprenne que 8% de la population mondiale, au niveau du commerce global, il en représente 20%. En tant qu'étudiant en français, ou avec une matière secondaire, vous êtes en train d'améliorer vos capacités de communication à travers le monde entier, de hausser votre capacité de comprendre d'autres cultures et groupes ethniques, d'embellir vos compétences en anglais et vos connaissances de votre propre culture, aussi bien que de mettre en valeur la possibilité d'une carrière solide. Dans le monde contemporain, une nation ou un individu quelconque ne pourra pas rester isolé, puisque l'économie et la politique américaine sont si entremêlées avec le reste du monde. Puisque le Christ est venu dans le monde entier et non seulement en Amérique du Nord, il est essentiel que nous, en tant que Chrétiens, soyons bien renseignés au sujet de notre monde. Le cursus à Messiah College comprend toute une gamme de cours pour l'étude de la langue elle-même, aussi bien que la culture, l'histoire, et les littératures du monde francophone.

## Curriculum

*Credit hours shown in parentheses.*

### French Major (42 credits)

Fundamentals of French I (3)  
Fundamentals of French II (3)  
Intermediate French (3)  
French Culture and Language (3)  
Modern Languages Seminar (3)

### Twenty-seven credits from the following:

*At least nine (9) credits of the following:*  
Contemporary French Culture (3)  
Selected Topics in French (3)  
Advanced Composition and Conversation (3), (3)

*At least fifteen (15) credits of the following:*  
Approved French courses through the Brethren Colleges Abroad Program at the Université de Strasbourg. Students may select among courses in grammar, literature, history, art history, or political science. See the Department of Modern Languages for approved course descriptions.

## Certificat Pédagogique

Vous pourrez faire des études en but de recevoir le certificat pédagogique qui vous permettra d'enseigner depuis la maternelle jusqu' à la classe terminale. En plus les études générales et les cours obligatoires en français, vous suivrez une variété de cours en pédagogie, y compris deux semestres d'observation suivi d'un stage. Certains étudiants se spécialisant en français choisissent de compléter une deuxième spécialité en anglais comme seconde langue. Ces études comprennent la méthodologie pour enseigner et une classe qui met en relief la conscience de la culture et comprend un stage pour enseigner l'anglais à un réfugié ou à une famille immigrante récente.

### French with Teaching Certification (80 credits)

Completion of the French major as listed plus the following courses:

General Education Mathematics/Computer Science/Statistics (6)  
American or British Literature (3)  
The Teaching Profession (with Field Experience) (1)  
Education and American Society (3)  
Educational Psychology (3)  
Secondary Learning Environments (with Field Experience) (1)  
Instructional Design and Assessment for Secondary Education (3)  
Foreign Language Teaching Methodology (3)  
**Professional Semester**  
Language Curriculum and Instruction (2)  
Adolescent Development (3)  
Professional Issues in Education (2)  
Student Teaching: Secondary (9)

### French Minor (21 credits)

Intermediate French (3)  
French Culture and Language (3)

### Two of the following:

Contemporary French Culture (3)  
Selected Topics in French (3)  
Advanced Composition and Conversation (3), (3)

Nine additional credits from the approved list, fulfilled at either the Grantham Campus, Université de Strasbourg, France, or the Université de Nancy, France.

## Cursus et Immersion Culturelle

Les cours au niveau débutant mettent l'accent sur la connaissance interactive: acquérir la grammaire et la culture par moyen de la conversation et de la composition. Au delà des trois semestres de cours de base obligatoires, ces cours sont enseignés à Grantham (sur demande):

- les médias français
- le cinéma français
- la littérature française du 18ème, 19ème, et 20ème siècle

## Après Le Diplôme

Un diplôme en français vous permet de choisir une variété de professions dans l'enseignement, la traduction, le gouvernement, le commerce international, la finance, ou les missions. De plus en plus de sociétés françaises ont une succursale américaine ou ont fusionné avec une société américaine. D'ailleurs un nombre croissant de sociétés américaines choisissent de s'implanter aux marchés francophones. Le bilinguisme est un atout dans n'importe quelle carrière. En plus, vous serez bien équipé pour continuer vos études au niveau supérieur

*Although majors and course requirements may change from time to time, as stated in the College Catalog, the preceding information is correct according to the 2006–2007 catalog.*



MESSIAH COLLEGE

# Department of Modern Languages

The Department of Modern Languages offers you four majors and three minors from which to choose:

## **Majors:**

- French
- German
- Spanish
- Spanish Business

## **Minors:**

- French
- German
- Spanish

## **Our Programs**

The Department of Modern Languages at Messiah College offers programs of study in French, German, and Spanish languages, literatures, and cultures.

The programs are designed to develop linguistic competence and critical skills as well as a profound appreciation of the culture and civilization of the French-, German-, or Spanish-speaking peoples.

The language courses provide solid preparation and practice in spoken and written areas including a thorough review of grammar and vocabulary supplemented with cultural readings and activities.

The beginning courses prepare students for advanced work in literature and cultural studies while improving competence in the language. The 200-level courses cover a selection of outstanding works in various periods and genres. Some of the 200-level classes are devoted to advanced language training and afford practice in spoken and written work. Others consider the political, social, and cultural histories of the French-, German-, or Spanish-speaking people. Advanced courses deal intensively with individual authors or periods of special significance.

Students in all of the languages are encouraged to speak the language at all times. All of the classes are taught in French, German or Spanish.

## **Study Abroad**

To ensure linguistic and cultural proficiency, each language major spends at least one semester abroad with the Brethren Colleges Abroad Program in Ecuador, France, Germany, or Spain.

Study at Messiah is supplemented with an intensive semester with the Brethren College Abroad program. Modern language students experience the richness of foreign cultures while studying in Strasbourg, France; at Philipps Universität in Marburg, Germany; in Barcelona, Spain; or in Quito, Ecuador. At all of the study abroad sites our students choose from a wide selection of courses in literature, linguistics, history, political science, and art. Residence in this program is required for one semester, and many students spend the full junior year abroad.

## **Careers and Vocation**

Students with advanced training in modern languages and cultures have an important edge in today's increasingly international job market.

They often go on to successful careers in banking and business, government and diplomacy, education, travel, the Peace Corps, mission work, telecommunications, and human services among other fields. K-12 teaching certification is also available.

## **Message From The Faculty**

At Messiah College, the modern language faculty work hard to help students discover the world in all its complexity.

Many students agree that to master a second language and to understand and have insight into the artistic and cultural heritage of other peoples of the world is integral to a liberal arts education. Yet sometimes students question, "Are these activities worthwhile and marketable?"

The source of this question rests on the assumption that success in life depends on learning how to do a specific job and then spending one's life doing it well. We would argue, on the contrary, that Christian thinkers who can adapt to new situations are in high demand. The disciplines in this department teach students how to learn in myriad ways, think creatively, speak clearly, read critically, and interact with others from around the world. Graduates who possess these skills are prepared to adapt to change. Employers repeatedly tell us, "If you teach students to think well, write persuasively, read knowledgeably, and learn a second language, we will train them for this particular job."

Times change, but to think cogently and to express oneself well in another language are abilities that not only enrich the soul but are essential qualities in the competitive work place. We welcome you to consider spending these crucial years with us. The faculty members in this department make every effort to create a learning environment that challenges students to learn, from Messiah College professors, and from scholars around the world as well. In the study abroad experience your classes will be taught by native language faculty.

We wish you God's best as choose a college, and we hope that you join us at Messiah College.

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