

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

French Language and Culture, Certificate

The World Languages Program at UWF is committed to providing students with the opportunity to embark on this exciting journey. From basic classes for beginners of a language to advanced courses in literature, culture, film and civilization, UWF language students engage in meaningful activities as well as in career-enhancing strategies - including learning to communicate in a foreign language, understanding and working within cultural diversity, applying historical background knowledge, negotiating meaning and problem-solving.

In small classes and a student-centered environment, our faculty is committed to enhancing students' linguistic and cultural literacy.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to demonstrate an ACTFL guideline intermediate-mid proficiency level in French.
- Students will attain an appropriate knowledge base and four major skills necessary for basic cross-cultural communications.
- Students should be able to recognize one's own viewpoints and/or experiences and appreciate the viewpoints and/or experiences of others.

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

In addition to the content area assessment (minimal grade of B- in all French courses), the student will deliver a multimedia capstone project that demonstrates competency in Communication as well as Integrity/Values. In this capstone project, delivered either in class or outside of class in an asynchronous format, students will present an aspect of French culture in the target language. This presentation should be 4-5 minutes in length and will be followed by 2-3 questions from the instructor in French.

The instructor will also conduct an individual oral proficiency exam, using ACTFL guidelines, to assess the level of proficiency, with the student.

Job Prospects

The French Language and Culture Certificate is designed for students pursuing the B.A. in any field as well as non-degree seeking students who seek to excel in their understanding of French language and culture. Upon completion of this certificate program, students should be prepared to work in a variety of Francophone countries and provinces or to work for French companies. Given that French is a global language, spoken by over 275 million people on all continents, being proficient in French is useful in today's globalized economy. Students who obtain this certificate could work as a foreign service officer in the U.S. Department of State, as well as in various military posts that require proficiency in French language and culture. Other possible careers include international law, international development, secondary and higher education, as well as medicine. French is also a boon for students interested in joining organizations such as the Peace Corps or Doctors Without Borders. Given the large and diverse economy of France, students who are looking to work in economics and/or global business would benefit from obtaining this certificate. Students who seek to teach English overseas in Francophone regions would also benefit from earning this certificate. Students are encouraged to apply to participate in any study abroad programs in Francophone countries.

Find out more about French Language and Culture Certificate at UWF:
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