

French & Francophone Studies



The French & Francophone Studies program at Illinois

Wesleyan University offers a variety of courses in French language, French and Francophone civilization, culture and literature, as well as French cinema and French business. Our students have gone on to careers in a wide range of areas including international business, finance and teaching, and to graduate study both in the U.S. and abroad, as well as serving in the Peace Corps and doing Fulbright work.

Why French & Francophone Studies at Illinois Wesleyan?

- IWU students may choose to complete a major or minor in French & Francophone Studies, or a major in Educational Studies with teacher certification (K-12) in French.
- French as a foreign language is the second-most frequently taught language in the world and is the only language other than English spoken on five continents.
- French and English are the only two global languages.
- French is the official working language of the United Nations, UNESCO, NATO, the International Red Cross, the European Community and the International Olympic Committee and is the dominant working language at the European Court of Justice.
- Importance of French was recently noted in a listing of international jobs posted by the U.S. State Department. Eighty-two of these listings preferred knowledge of the French language.
- French is the foreign language spoken by our largest trading partner, Canada.
- French is currently the second language of the Internet.

Learning from a Quality Faculty

From Medieval France to the Maghreb, the French & Francophone Studies faculty at Illinois Wesleyan represent a wide range of research and teaching interests.

- **Christopher Callahan**, *Professor of French*
Ph.D. — Indiana University

Both a linguist and medievalist with expertise in phonetics, translation and medieval lyric poetry.

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A Sampling of Courses Offered by French & Francophone Studies

Introduction to Literature I: The Individual and Society
Introduction to Literature II: The Ideals of Love
Business French
French Cinema
French Civilization I: Roman Gaul to the Renaissance
French Civilization II: Renaissance to Revolution
French Civilization III: France since the Revolution
French Civilization IV: The Francophone World
French Phonetics
French Civilization through the Arts
Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Literature
Studies in Seventeenth and Eighteenth-Century Literature
Studies in Nineteenth and Twentieth-Century Literature
Studies in Francophone Literature

Recent May Term Courses Related to French

Intermediate French in Quebec
Composition and Conversation in Quebec
The Evolution of Revolution-From France to Russia
The Plantagenet World — France and England 1150-1400



“With a program small enough to give you personal attention, but large enough to allow you to pursue your specific interests, the French &

- **James Matthews**, *Department Chair, Associate Professor of French Ph.D. — University of Michigan*

Active in exploring French travel literature of North America and Africa and has done work on French classical drama and the francophone literatures of Africa, Canada and the Caribbean.

- **Scott Sheridan**, *Associate Professor of French Ph.D. — University of Iowa*

Areas of interest include 19th century French Studies, Québécois literature and applications of language learning technology. Other areas of interest include art history and the French mystique in American pop culture.

Putting Learning into Practice

- Our Language Resource Center, equipped with 20 Windows-platform workstations and four video viewing stations, provides students with facilities for foreign language computer-based activities.
- The LRC also functions as a tutoring center that gives students one-on-one help with building their language skills. As a more advanced student you may wish to work as a tutor yourself.
- Activities for students in French & Francophone Studies include: the weekly *La Table française* discussion lunches; meetings of the IWU French Club, *Le Cercle français*, and the IWU chapter of the National French Honor Society, Pi Delta Phi.
- Students majoring in French & Francophone Studies must complete a minimum requirement of one semester abroad in one of the numerous programs with which IWU is affiliated. In the past our students have enjoyed participating in programs in France (Paris and Nantes), Senegal (Dakar) and Switzerland (Geneva).
- While minors are not required to study abroad, many have elected to participate and have found their study abroad experiences provided an “extra edge” in finding employment or graduate school placement upon completion of their diploma.

Francophone Studies Program at IWU covers all aspects of French language, literature, and culture. Our courses — ranging from French Stylistics to Business French and French Cinema to Francophone Civilization — provide students with a firm foundation in order to take full advantage of the required semester of study abroad in France or another French-speaking country. Our students graduate with a well-rounded knowledge of French academic traditions while keeping an eye toward the future with a diverse global outlook.”

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