

Annual Report on Program Student Learning Outcomes Assessment

Program: BA in French Studies

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1. List the learning outcomes for the program

Students graduating with a major in French Studies are able, through the acquisition of knowledge and skills related to the French language, to:

1. Demonstrate a solid understanding of the French language, and apply and explain frequently encountered elements of its grammar, syntax, and vocabulary
2. Use French to complete many everyday, academic, and professional tasks, according to the standards described as "Advanced-Low" by ACTFL guidelines
3. Relate a foundational knowledge of the field of Linguistics to the morphology, syntax, and history of the French language

Through the acquisition of knowledge and skills related to literary analysis, to:

1. Analyze and appreciate language and literature, engage in close reading, and formulate interpretive arguments about literary works in discussion and in writing
2. Discuss major works of French and Francophone literature (and in some cases film) with attention to their historical, generic, or cultural context
3. Read and analyze previously unfamiliar works in French using these skills and knowledge

Through the acquisition of knowledge and skills related to history and culture, to:

- Show familiarity with all of the following:
 1. Major events, periods, and people responsible for shaping the history of France from the Middle Ages to the present day
 2. The legacy of France's colonial past, especially as related to the diversity of Francophone experience
 3. The enduring and evolving roles of the French language and its literature and culture in a contemporary global context

Through the acquisition of intellectual, professional, and technical skills needed for career growth and development, to:

1. Apply the skills of close reading and rhetorical analysis in everyday contexts
2. Evaluate and analyze arguments about literature (film, etc.) that are intended for a non-specialist audience

3. Demonstrate writing and research skills appropriate to entry-level professional use and/or continuation toward graduate study, including the ability to formulate an organized, well-supported argument; to write clearly and persuasively; and to observe ethical and precise citation practices
4. Recognize and respond appropriately to many traditional cultural norms and expectations in France, as might be encountered during everyday interactions
5. Apply all of these skills and knowledge to communicate ideas effectively