The Department of French and Italian offers French language instruction at the elementary and intermediate levels, as well as advanced courses in Francophone and French literature, French linguistics, and French and Francophone cultures, cinemas, and societies. Programs offered by the department include a Bachelor of Arts in French language and literature, a Master of Arts in French Studies, and a Ph.D. in Modern French Studies. Faculty expertise encompasses many fields from the Renaissance to the present. Students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the study abroad programs in Montpellier (short summer program) and Nice (semester or year-long program), taught and administered by the department’s faculty. Activities sponsored by the department include French National Week, Francophone Week, Senior Dinner and the Cercle Français events, in partnership with the French Cluster of the Language House.

Programs

**Major**
- French Language and Literature Major ([https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/languages-literatures-cultures/french-language-literature/french-major/](https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/languages-literatures-cultures/french-language-literature/french-major/))

**Minor**
- French Studies Minor ([https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/languages-literatures-cultures/french-language-literature/french-studies-minor/](https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/languages-literatures-cultures/french-language-literature/french-studies-minor/))

**Advising**

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To review the academic plan for this major, go to [https://arhu.umd.edu/academicsadvising/academic-plans](https://arhu.umd.edu/academicsadvising/academic-plans)

**Opportunities**

**Undergraduate Research Experiences**

The School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures has implemented an Annual SLLC Undergraduate Research Forum which allows its outstanding Juniors and/or Seniors to display their research projects. The Forum takes place in late April in the Language House (St. Mary’s).

**Internships**

Each fall semester, SLLC organizes a Language Career and Internship Fair in conjunction with the UMD Career Center. For more information, see the SLLC website: [http://www.sllc.umd.edu/](http://www.sllc.umd.edu/).

**Honors Program**

For information, see: [http://sllc.umd.edu/french/undergraduate/honors](http://sllc.umd.edu/french/undergraduate/honors)

**Scholarships and Financial Assistance**

The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) administers a variety of federal, state, and institutional financial assistance programs, and, in cooperation with other university offices, participates in the awarding of scholarships to deserving students. For information, visit: [www.financialaid.umd.edu](http://www.financialaid.umd.edu).

**Awards and Recognition**

The UG Committee organizes an annual awards ceremony to celebrate SLLC students who have earned SLLC, campus and/or national scholarships, and academic achievement awards. The awards ceremony takes place in conjunction with the annual SLLC UG Research Forum.