

The University of Kansas

Department of French, Francophone & Italian Studies

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bon moment

Parliamo Italiano!

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WHY FRENCH AND ITALIAN?

Studying French and Italian will help you succeed in today's global economy - our department offers classes on language, literature, and culture from the elementary to the advanced level.

Both French and Italian are essential languages to know in today's globalized society. Speaking French or Italian will make you a stand-out candidate for jobs in Economics, Politics, Science, Research, Climate and Environmental Advocacy, Engineering, Architecture, Fashion, and so much more.

In our department, you will work closely with nationally- and internationally-renowned scholars who will mentor you and help you achieve your goals.

OUR LANGUAGES

French Italian

DID YOU KNOW?

We offer Francophone Studies, allowing you to explore French language and culture outside of France.

OUR MAJORS

We offer two different BA degree tracks, along with a BA option. All our majors provide an immersive language learning experience. You will also become familiar with different French, Francophone, and Italian cultures and literatures, rounding out your experience in our program.

French & Francophone Studies

This major will help you to develop advanced knowledge of French. You will learn about French literature, cinema, and culture, and you will get to discover French outside of France with our courses in Francophone Studies.

30 Credit Hours

French, Francophone & Italian Studies

This major combines both French and Italian language courses with literature and culture courses of French- and Italian-speaking countries.

30 Credit Hours

CO-MAJOR IN

Italian Studies

While you have to combine this track with another major, you can easily add the Italian Option to your curriculum. You'll develop a thorough knowledge of the Italian language, Italian literature, and culture.

24 Credit Hours

OUR MINORS

We offer a two minors that provide excellent language skills and knowledge in specific fields that suit your studies and interests. Our minors will give you great working proficiency in the language. You will also be able to explore French or Italian culture, cinema, and literature.

Minor in French

18 Credit Hours

Minor in Italian

18 Credit Hours

Knowing languages has allowed me to connect with so many different people I would not have been able to otherwise. Professionally, it is an important skill that keeps on giving because many people in the US do not speak additional languages. Being fluent in French helps me stand out and be a more useful team member, specifically when we are looking at health issues in the Francophone world.”

— Madeline Farron
BA Political Science, International
Studies, French 2013
MA French 2016

Language tables

Practice in a relaxed environment and make new friends!

Study abroad programs

Explore the world and learn the language where it's spoken. Scholarships are available!

Active student organizations

*French Club
Italian Club*

Small classes

Makes for better practice and you'll get personal attention from your instructor.

Engaging events

Cooking classes, movie nights, coffee tasting, Bocce tournaments, and more!

Annual awards

Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed!

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