



What can I do with a major in **FRENCH** from Valparaiso University?

Description of major:

Acquaintance with a foreign language and a foreign culture has a profound effect on the way individuals view their own language and their own heritage. Studying a foreign language will help students to understand a more global perspective and understanding of all humanity. Students deepen their backgrounds in the humanities while acquiring a working knowledge of another language which is a practical skill valued in many of today's professions. Students majoring in a foreign language are encouraged to develop a complementary skill. Few jobs requiring foreign language proficiency require only skill in a foreign language. Foreign language majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad.

Relevant skills for a FRENCH major:

- ◆ Adjust to new environments
- ◆ Analyze and compare cultures
- ◆ Analyze communication situations
- ◆ Analyze community needs
- ◆ Appreciate diverse cultures/have cultural awareness
- ◆ Are sensitive to people of other cultures
- ◆ Communicate, both verbally & in writing
- ◆ Critique and organize
- ◆ Explain concepts
- ◆ Guide
- ◆ Have foreign language competency
- ◆ Have independence
- ◆ Help
- ◆ Inform
- ◆ Lead discussions
- ◆ Listen & clarify well
- ◆ Make decisions
- ◆ Organize people
- ◆ Organize/classify
- ◆ Overcome barriers
- ◆ Plan and design projects
- ◆ Review/evaluate
- ◆ Select and train
- ◆ Solve problems
- ◆ Summarize/present results
- ◆ Take risks
- ◆ and others

Sample work activities for Graduates in FRENCH (some may require an advanced degree)

- Announcer (radio, TV)
- Anthropologist
- Art historian
- Biographer
- Booking Agent
- Caseworker
- Community Organization Worker
- Community Relations & Service Advisor
- Customs Inspector
- Editor, foreign news broadcast
- Employment Interviewer
- Flight Attendant
- Foreign Attendant
- Foreign Exchange Program Director
- Foreign Export Marketer/Translator
- Foreign Information Officer
- Foreign Language Translator
- Foreign Student Advisor
- Foreign Travel Escort Officer
- Immigration Inspector
- Importer/Exporter
- Intelligence Specialist
- International Broadcaster
- International Relations Specialist
- International Trade Economist
- Interpreter
- Language Researcher
- Linguistic Scientist
- Manager, Industrial development
- Manager, World Trade
- Newswriter/Foreign Languages
- Special agent/FBI
- Teacher, primary/ secondary school
- Teacher, second language/international
- Tour Guide
- Training Instructor
- Translator, computer
- Writer, technical publications
- and others!

Potential hiring institutions for FRENCH majors:

- ◆ Advertising department & agencies
- ◆ Agency of International Development
- ◆ Air, bus, and rail lines
- ◆ Airports
- ◆ Banks, savings & commercial
- ◆ Chambers of commerce
- ◆ Civil Service Commission
- ◆ Commerce Department
- ◆ Consumer Affairs Office
- ◆ Education Department
- ◆ Federal Communications
- ◆ Federal Trade Commission
- ◆ Foreign language agencies
- ◆ Foreign Service Department
- ◆ Government agencies:
- ◆ Hotel chains
- ◆ Immigration & Naturalization Service
- ◆ Import/export companies
- ◆ International studies/student exchange agencies
- ◆ Investment firms
- ◆ Library of Congress
- ◆ National Archives
- ◆ News bureaus
- ◆ Peace Corps
- ◆ Public relations firms
- ◆ Public service organizations
- ◆ School systems
- ◆ Travel agencies
- ◆ United Nations
- ◆ Visitors & convention bureaus
- ◆ Vista
- ◆ and others!

Area of further education for FRENCH majors:

- Anthropology
- Art
- Business Administration
- Communication
- Conflict Resolution & Mediation/Peace Studies
- Curriculum & Instruction
- Demography & Population Studies
- Economics
- Education
- English Literature
- European Studies
- French
- French Studies
- French Literature
- Geography
- History
- Human Services
- Humanities
- International Affairs
- International Business
- International Development
- International Law
- Journalism
- Law
- Liberal Studies
- Library & Information Studies
- Linguistics
- Pharmacy
- Political Science
- Pre-Medicine
- Psychology
- Psychology/Counseling
- Public Relations
- Religion/Divinity Studies
- Social Sciences
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Translation & Interpretation
- and others!

Sources of additional information for FRENCH majors:

- ◆ VU Department of Foreign Languages: <http://www.valpo.edu/foreignlang/descriptions/French.html>
- ◆ VU Majors & Areas of Study: <http://www.valpo.edu/cas/departments/fll.html>
- ◆ American Association of Teachers of French: Represents the French language in North America and to encourage the dissemination, both in the schools and in the general public, of knowledge concerning all aspects of the culture and civilization of France and the French-speaking world. <http://aatf.utsa.edu/>
- ◆ American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages: The only national organization dedicated to the improvement and expansion of the teaching and learning of all languages at all levels of instruction. <http://www.actfl.org/>
- ◆ American Language Online: The internet information center for language and education. <http://www.alr.org/>
- ◆ American Translators Association: This site will help you learn more about the American Translators Association and the translation and interpretation professions. <http://atanet.org>
- ◆ Association Bernard Gregory: Job listings for opportunities France. All listings are in French. <http://www.abg.asso.fr/>

Sources of additional information for FRENCH majors:

- ◆ Bi-Lingual Jobs.Com: Your Diversity Career Resource for job seekers with Japanese, Spanish, Chinese, French and German backgrounds. <http://www.bilingual-jobs.com/>
- ◆ EscapeArtist.com: International job marketplace. <http://jobs.escapeartist.com>
- ◆ Eurograduate Live: features thousands of Graduate Opportunities across Europe. You can also find expert advice on Career Planning, useful links to other great sites and details about postgraduate options. <http://www.eurograduate.com/>
- ◆ FDAssociates (France): recruiters for high-tech and other fields, in French. <http://www.fdassociates.com>
- ◆ International Civil Service Commission: The International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) is an independent expert body established by the United Nations General Assembly. Its mandate is to regulate and coordinate the conditions of service of staff in the United Nations common system, while promoting and maintaining high standards in the international civil service. <http://icsc.un.org>
- ◆ International Monster.com: The international component of the popular Monster Board web site. <http://international.monster.com/>
- ◆ OverseasJobs.Com: the Web's #1 resources for international employment and work abroad. Expatriates and job seekers can search the job database by keywords or locations and post a resume online for employers to view. <http://www.overseasjobs.com/>
- ◆ Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc.: Develops the expertise of its members and others involved in teaching English to speakers of other languages to help them foster effective communication in diverse settings while respecting individuals' language rights. <http://www.tesol.org/>
- ◆ Teaching Jobs Overseas: Topics include: international teaching, teaching overseas, teaching abroad, American and international schools, overseas jobs, international employment, etc. <http://www.joyjobs.com/>
- ◆ The American Association of Language Specialists: An international association of interpreters and translators. <http://www.taals.net/>
- ◆ The Electronic Embassy: a resource of and for the Washington, DC embassy community. <http://www.embassy.org/>
- ◆ United Nations Homepage: Various information on the United Nations, including recent news, publications, etc. <http://www.un.org/>
- ◆ Voice of the Shuttle: Various resources and websites devoted to arts & humanities studies. <http://vos.ucsb.edu>

VU Career Center Resource Library Materials:

- *100 Best Nonprofits To Work For*
- *Book Of U.S. Government Jobs : Where They Are, What's Available, And How To Get One*
- *Career Opportunities In Politics, Government & Activism*
- *Career Opportunities In Travel And Tourism*
- *Careers For Foreign Language Aficionados & Other Multilingual Types*
- *Careers In Sociology*
- *Civil Service Career Starter*
- *Directory Of Foreign Consulates And International Trade Assistance Organizations In Chicagoland*
- *Directory Of Jobs And Careers Abroad*
- *Essays That Worked For Law Schools : 35 Essays From Successful Applications To The Nation's Top Law Schools*
- *Essays That Worked, For Business Schools : 35 Essays From Successful Applications To The Nation's Top Business Schools*
- *Federal Personnel Guide 2003*
- *Global Resume And Cv Guide*
- *Graduate Programs In Education*
- *Graduate Programs In Humanities*
- *GRE Exam 2003*
- *Great Jobs For Foreign Language Majors*
- *Great Jobs For Liberal Arts Majors*
- *Guide To America's Federal Jobs : A Complete Directory Of Federal Career Opportunities*
- *Guide To Homeland Security Careers*
- *How To Get A Job In Europe*
- *Inside Secrets To Finding A Career In Travel*
- *Job Surfing : Working Abroad : Using The Internet To Find A Job And Get Hired*
- *Opportunities In Foreign Language Careers*
- *Opportunities In Government Careers*
- *Opportunities In Hotel And Motel Careers*
- *Opportunities In Library And Information Science*
- *Opportunities In Overseas Careers*
- *Opportunities In Sales Careers*
- *Opportunities In Social Science Careers*
- *Opportunities In Travel Careers*
- *Peterson's Game Plan For Getting Into Business School*
- *Peterson's Graduate Programs In Business, Education, Health, Information Studies, Law & Social Work*
- *Peterson's Graduate Programs In The Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences*
- *World Chamber of Commerce Directory*

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