

**VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY FRENCH HOUSE (*MAISON FRANÇAISE*)  
GENERAL INFORMATION**

I. Eligibility

- Applicants are taking or will have completed at least FLF 204 or have attained that level through other means (to be determined by placement exam score and/or consultation with VU French faculty).
- Applications will be accepted from any student, regardless of major. International students whose native language is French will be considered if space is available.
- Selection will be based on a combination of class standing, GPA, and capacity to contribute to the success of the French House. Appropriate gender assignment within an apartment may also affect selection.

II. Rules and Expectations

- The same rules that govern other residence halls on campus are observed at the French House, particularly with regard to alcohol and visitation (please refer to policies established by Residential Life). The French House is a no-smoking facility.
- Residents of the French House will ***use French with one another*** in all common areas of each apartment (living room, kitchen, and dining room). English may be used with non-French speaking guests or visitors.
- Residents will ***assist in organizing regular French Club meetings***, whether at the French House or at another location on campus. Residents are expected to ***develop and participate in additional activities*** that include non-residents and that ***promote use of French and knowledge of French culture***.
- Residents are expected to take their ***weekday evening meals (Sunday-Thursday) together at the French House***. The shopping for, expense, preparation, and hosting of these meals will be shared equally among residents on a rotating basis. Sophomores and juniors are also required to purchase a meal card to use for breakfast and/or lunch elsewhere on campus. The required amount remains to be determined, but will likely parallel that charged to residents of the German House.
- Since weekday meals are such an essential part of the French House experience, students should plan their course schedules and extracurricular activities so as not to conflict with meal times.
- A native French-speaking RA will reside in one of the units and will organize and coordinate the general activities of the French House.