WHY MAJOR IN FRENCH?

Majoring in French is a great career move. Knowledge of French improves your employment prospects by allowing you to take almost any career abroad or to work in international companies based in the US. French is the official or second language in 55 countries world-wide and is used in numerous international organizations including the UN, NAFTA, NATO, the International Olympic committee, the World Health Organization, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent, and Doctors without Borders.

Pairing a French major with a second major in a field such as political science, history, biology, business or economics makes you more marketable. A French major also helps prepare you for graduate study in business, law, health care, and for doctorates in a variety of fields. Future employers are attracted to French majors because they have the ability to function in unfamiliar environments, to communicate with people from differing backgrounds, and have great writing, communication and analytical skills.

Fields with career opportunities in French include:

- education
- international affairs
- foreign service
- international law
- cinema
- hospitality
- fashion
- business
- journalism
- the military
- translation
- performing arts
- fashion
- marketing
- publishing
- health care
- interpreting
- tourism
- culinary arts
- human rights
- work with NGOs