

What Can I **Do** With a Major In...

Modern Languages & Literatures-French Teaching?

French Teaching programs¹ help students to become proficient in a foreign language. Proficiency in a foreign language also includes understanding historical context, sensitivity to nuances and values, and an appreciation for dialects. You will learn to speak, listen to, read, and write the language you are studying. You will learn the grammar, syntax, punctuation, and pronunciation of the language. Also you will study the culture and literature produced in the country and in other areas where the language is spoken. In this way you will learn the importance of the language and you will develop a sensitivity and appreciation for the culture. Additionally, lesson planning, instructional techniques for communicating the subject matter, assessment and evaluation techniques, and supervision and discipline strategies will be taught. Foreign language teachers teach students vocabulary and the rules of grammar and also have the students practice the skills of interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational communication. Foreign language teachers teach students to become proficient enough to be able to hold conversations with people who speak another language; exchange information, ideas, and opinions; discuss their similarities and differences; talk or write about experiences; and communicate in a work setting.

Programs at Montana State University² teach foreign cultures, languages, and literature as an integral part of a basic education and an essential component of one's university training. It provides students with the knowledge to better understand their own language and culture and to function intelligently as members of a multicultural society. Students in this program will be required to pass a language proficiency test approved by the Modern Languages department in order to qualify for practice teaching.

Characteristics associated with success¹ in this major include a desire to learn about people and cultures that are different from yours.

In this program you will acquire :

- a high level of proficiency in the French language and cultures
- the ability to communicate well orally and in writing in this language

Occupations in this field require ability to¹: speak, listen, read, and write French; use the language in real-life contexts, for both social and professional purposes; understand the social, political, historical, and economic background of the countries whose language they are teaching.

Related occupations include¹:

- Secondary Education Teacher
- Special Education Teacher
- Adult Education Teacher
- English as a Second Language Teacher
- Instructional Coordinator
- Teacher Assistant
- Customs Inspector
- Flight Attendant
- Interpreter
- Foreign Service Officer
- Translator
- College/University Faculty
- Travel Guide
- FBI Agent
- Foreign Trade Clerk

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MSU graduates (Bachelor's degree) were hired in the following selected fields³:

English Teacher- Sakhalin State University
French Teacher: Fountain Fort Carson

Salary averages of survey respondents: (# of respondents in parentheses)³

2007: MT: Insufficient Data	Out of State: Insufficient Data
2006: MT: Insufficient Data	Out of State: Insufficient Data
2005: MT: Insufficient Data	Out of State: Insufficient Data
2004: MT: Insufficient Data	Out of State: Insufficient Data

Certification and Licensure:

All states require foreign language teachers to be certified or licensed. Requirements, however, vary by state. Other states require teachers to obtain a master's degree in education, which involves at least one year of additional coursework beyond the bachelor's degree with a specialization in a particular subject.

Graduates from this program entered programs of further education at these institutions:

None available at this time

Other Sources of Information:

American Association of Teachers of French: www.frenchteachers.org
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages: www.actfl.org
Montana Association of Language Teachers: www.maltsite.org
The Modern Language Association: www.mla.org
Rocky Mountain Modern Languages Association: <http://rmmla.wsu.edu>
Department of Modern Languages – Montana State University: www.montana.edu/wwwml

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³Montana State University Career & Internship Services

Number of graduates/number of respondents: 2004: 4/2; 2005: 2/2; 2006:0/0; 2007: 1/0