French programs help students to become proficient in French language and Francophone cultures. 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 French. You will learn the grammar, syntax, punctuation, and pronunciation of the language. Also you will study the culture and literature produced in the countries where this 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.

Programs at Montana State University 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.

Characteristics associated with success 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 to: 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 speak.

Related occupations include:

- Customs Inspector
- Flight Attendant
- Adult Education Teacher
- Translator
- Travel Guide
- Foreign News Analyst
- English as a Second Language Teacher
- Teacher (Foreign Language)
- Immigration and Customs Inspector
- Interpreter
- Foreign Service Officer
- College/University Faculty
- Travel Guide
- FBI Agent
- Foreign Trade Clerk
- Welfare Eligibility Worker
- Technical Translator
MSU graduates (Bachelor’s degree) were hired in the following selected fields:

- Customer Service Representative—Bissell Agency
- Manager—Dali Deli & Cafe

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

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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