French, B.A.

Learning Outcomes

At time of graduation, majors will have reached the equivalent of the intermediate high/advanced low level on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) scale in the four areas of speaking, listening, reading, and writing with a special emphasis on literature and culture, language, or French and Arabic, depending on their track.

• Interpersonal communication: ability to interact orally and in writing at a level sufficient for effective communication on a wide range of topics with French-speaking interlocutors from the Francophone world and across cultures.

• Written communication: ability to analyze, synthesize, engage critically, and effectively present written information and argumentation on what is heard, read, or viewed on the literatures and cultures of the Francophone world—France, North-and sub-Saharan Africa, the Indian Ocean, the Caribbean, and the French-speaking communities of North America.

• Cross/intercultural communication: ability to gain knowledge on the various Francophone cultures of the world, and to reflect upon and deal appropriately with their linguistic, cultural, and artistic history and diversity.