

PATERNO FELLOWS PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES

The Department of French and Francophone Studies is extremely proud of the academic quality of its majors, approximately fifteen percent of whom are currently in the Schreyer Honors College and over forty percent of whom are concurrent degree students, some with one or more minors as well. The Paterno Liberal Arts Undergraduate Fellows Program, which offers opportunities for excellence entailing both multiple majors and admission to SHC, carries a number of significant responsibilities, as outlined on the College of the Liberal Arts website (http://www.la.psu.edu/CLA-LAUS/paterno/Paterno_Fellows_Program.shtml). In fulfillment of those responsibilities, Paterno Fellows in French and Francophone Studies are expected to:

- maintain at least a 3.67 GPA in their course work for the FFS major;
- consult with the Director of Undergraduate Studies, their FFS faculty mentor, and/or their Liberal Arts Academic Advisor, if your primary major is in FFS, for ideas about an appropriate second major or 24-credit “super minor”;
- complete an honors thesis as their self-sponsored research project;
- study abroad for at least one semester in a French-speaking country;
- achieve 12th-credit-level proficiency in a second foreign language, if they are FFS BA students, and qualify for the Liberal Arts Communication Excellence certificate, if their FFS degree is a BS;
- complete their required honors courses or certified honors equivalents as follows:

freshman and sophomore years (9 credits per year)

- take five honors options in FFS at the 300- and/or 400-level:
 - one of the five honors options (or an honors course) may be completed outside FFS with the permission of the Director of Undergraduate Studies, FFS faculty mentor, and/or Liberal Arts Academic Advisor;
 - students may also spend a semester studying abroad in place of one honors option/course;
- take at least one 400-level content course in FFS after finishing at least three of the five required 300-level courses;*

junior and senior years (14 credits total)

- spend a semester (or more) studying abroad OR take one honors option in FFS at the 400 level;
- fulfill two honors options in 400-level FFS courses OR one 400-level honors option and, with the permission of both the instructor and the honors advisor, one 500-level course;
- submit an honors thesis.

Normally, FFS will vouch for the admission of Paterno Fellows to the Shreyer Honors College at the end of the sophomore year/fourth-semester credit level. Once students have met with the Director of Undergraduate Studies to choose their FFS major option, they will be advised by the SHC faculty advisor in the Department responsible for their primary area of interest (Civilization, Linguistics, or Literature).

* EXAMPLES: a) an FFS honors option and an honors course in another field the first year, two honors options in FFS fall of the sophomore year, and a study abroad curriculum in spring of the sophomore year; b) an honors

course in another field the first year and two honors options each semester of the sophomore year.