

# Carleton

Department of French and Francophone Studies

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Welcome Friend,

Congratulations on your acceptance to Carleton! As chair of French and Francophone Studies, I'm delighted to learn of your interest in French and the cultures of the French-speaking world.

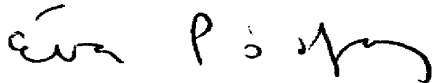
You can find out a lot about our offerings on the [departmental website](#), and be sure to check out our [webpage for new students](#). French & Francophone Studies is a vibrant program in language, culture and literature, and we touch on everything from Paris to Timbuktu, Mali. We think of our department as a community—one where professors and students collaborate in their learning while having a good deal of fun. In addition to language classes designed to help you gain proficiency in the language, we offer courses on everything from the classics to the most vital current topics: French lyric poetry, Francophone cinema and the African experience, the French chanson, the Middle East and French connection, French and Francophone autofiction, French graphic novels, North African culture, contemporary France and humor, the hybrid cultures in Paris, and much more. We offer a major and two different minors, and we build connections with other disciplines like history, anthropology, cinema studies, political science, and art history. It's quite a package.

French is an official language in over thirty countries (including 23 in Africa), and it's the second most commonly studied foreign language in the world (after English). French is thus not just France, and we take this fact to heart, both in our courses and in the experiential components we offer. We run our own spring-term [program in Paris](#) every year (mostly for sophomores and juniors), during which students live with French families, experience French culture, and learn about immigrant influences in France. We also run occasional programs in Senegal, and we partner with organizations that offer study abroad programs in many other locations.

Because experience is a key to learning, students on our Paris program can extend their stay during the summer to participate in an internship or research fellowship that is specifically curated for their interests. Students work in such areas as journalism, museology, cooking, lab sciences, commerce, film production, and human rights. Moreover, in collaboration with Carleton's Center for Global and Regional Studies, competitive research fellowships are available for juniors who wish to deepen their expertise before senior year projects.

Whether you're just starting your study of French or are already skilled, we are interested in you! Come study with us. If you have questions about French and Francophone Studies, please email me at [eposfay@carleton.edu](mailto:eposfay@carleton.edu). I'm looking forward to working with you in the very near future!

À très bientôt,



Éva Pósfay, Chair, French & Francophone Studies

