

**Key websites:** *You are encouraged to consult these websites prior to contacting an advisor.*

- **French Major:**  
<https://liberalarts.vt.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/french-major.html>
- **French Minor:**  
<https://liberalarts.vt.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/french-minor.html>
- **French for Business Minor:**  
<https://liberalarts.vt.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/french-business-minor.html>
- **Language and Culture for the Practice of Science Pathways Minor:**  
<https://liberalarts.vt.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/language-and-culture-for-the-practice-of-science.html>

**Which French advisor to contact:**

*If you have not yet declared a French major or minor, please contact the following advisor:*

- All French for Business minors: Richard Shryock [shryock@vt.edu](mailto:shryock@vt.edu)
- All Language and Culture for the Practice of Science (French LCPS) minors: Richard Shryock [shryock@vt.edu](mailto:shryock@vt.edu)
- Advisees for the French major and minor are assigned alphabetically by last name:
  - A-E: Alex Dickow [ard@vt.edu](mailto:ard@vt.edu)
  - F-J: Médoune Guèye [mgueye@vt.edu](mailto:mgueye@vt.edu)
  - K-O: Corinne Noirot [conoirot@vt.edu](mailto:conoirot@vt.edu)
  - P-T: Sharon P. Johnson [spjohnson@vt.edu](mailto:spjohnson@vt.edu)
  - U-V: Richard Shryock [shryock@vt.edu](mailto:shryock@vt.edu)
  - W-Z: Janell Watson: [rjwatson@vt.edu](mailto:rjwatson@vt.edu)

*If you already declared a French major or minor, please contact Ms. Stephanie Stallings ([sstallings@vt.edu](mailto:ssallings@vt.edu)) to ask who your French advisor is.*

**Information to give your French advisor:**

- 1) How many years of French you took in high school and the grades you earned;
- 2) Any AP or IB Diploma exam scores you got from high school (VT does not give credit for the IB certificate, only the IB diploma);
- 3) Any French classes you took at other colleges and the grades you earned;
- 4) Any French classes you have already taken at VT;
- 5) How long it has been since you took a French class;
- 6) Any extended live-abroad experience you have had in a French-speaking country;
- 7) Whether French is going to be your major, your minor, the language for your International Studies major, or an elective;
- 8) What semester you plan to graduate;
- 9) Your student number.

**How to declare a minor or major in the French program:**

- Please note that majors and minors receive priority for force-adds to French courses. It is in your interest to declare the minor or major sooner rather than later.

- If you would like to declare French as a primary major, you may do so via Hokie Spa and the Hokie.COMM link during the prescribed dates. Outside of those official change-of-major dates and as long as you are already a student in CLAHS, you may contact Dr. Kimbrell ([mkimbrel@vt.edu](mailto:mkimbrel@vt.edu)) in the Dean's office, who will assist you in adding French as your primary major.
- If you are interested in declaring French as a secondary major or of declaring one of the French minors (French, French for Business, or the Language and Culture for the Practice of Science Pathways Minor), please fill out a form that is available at <https://liberalarts.vt.edu/forms.html> (Click on "Change of Primary Major, Second Major and/or Minors" and then click on "Request to Change Second Major or Minor form"). Within a couple of weeks of completing the form, you should receive an email telling you who your French advisor is. If you do not receive this email within a couple of weeks, you can email Ms. Stephanie Stallings ([sstallings@vt.edu](mailto:ssallings@vt.edu)) to ask.

If you have questions or concerns that your French advisor is not able to answer, please contact one of the French Program directors: Richard Shryock ([shryock@vt.edu](mailto:shryock@vt.edu)), Alexander Dickow ([ard@vt.edu](mailto:ard@vt.edu)).