French Language Program

If you would like to live en français, surrounded by Francophiles like yourself on a daily basis while still enjoying the benefits of living on the UMass campus, la Maison française at Thatcher Language House is a great residential living choice.

Thatcher Language House offers the opportunity to belong to a community dedicated to learning a world language and exploring a variety of world cultures. In this hall of 110 students, the majority are a part of one of the six Language Programs.

Participants in the Thatcher House French Language Program live together in the residence hall which includes a classroom/lounge, where they can socialize en français. The participants also meet in the classroom regularly during the week for a specially-designed, two-credit conversation/culture course. Most years, the course is taught by the Toulouse exchange graduate student who is a native speaker and also organizes various social and cultural activities, most years including a trip to Montréal.

A community develops around speaking French and taking part in cultural activities, from the frivolous to the serious. Participants have played Pictionary and Trivial Pursuit en français, sponsored "le café français" (coffee and conversation in the Campus Center), screened classic and contemporary films from France, organized a French cooking workshop, and hosted la soirée crêpe for other house residents.

Both French majors and non-majors from a variety of disciplines make up the Thatcher French Program. Often members become double majors, adding French fluency to their professional training. Students have found the French Language Program community an excellent place to prepare for study abroad in Paris, Montpellier, Lyon, Grenoble or elsewhere in the Francophone world as well as a supportive community to which they often return after studying in France.

If you are interested in being part of this wonderful program, please make sure you have read the Thatcher Language and Culture House Program Explanation and then click here for the Application.

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APPLICATIONS ARE DUE AT MIDNIGHT ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH.