French Language Program

If you would like to experience everyday life *en française*, *La Maison Française* is a way to do that right on campus.

The Thatcher Language House offers the opportunity to live in a residence hall dedicated to learning a world language and exploring 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 on a floor which includes a classroom/lounge, where they can socialize in the language. Also, they meet in the classroom regularly during the week for a specially-designed, two-credit conversation/culture course. An experienced graduate student from the French Department teaches the course and organizes social and cultural activities.

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 Cafè Francaise”* (coffee and conversation in the Campus Center), screened classic and contemporary films from France, organized a French cooking workshop, and hosted 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 Rouen and Paris, as well as a supportive community to return to after studying in France.

If you are interested in being part of this wonderful program, please click here for the Program Explanation and Application.

Be sure to complete the application prior to the February 19th deadline.