La Maison Française (http://uwfrenchhouse.org/), a francophone (French-speaking) residence hall and cultural center, is managed by the Department of French and Italian. Residence is open to UW–Madison students with the equivalent of a fourth-semester level of French. At least two native French graduate students reside in the house, aiding in conversation and facilitating the use of French. Most residents are Americans: prospective teachers of French, French majors, and students in other disciplines who want to speak French on a daily basis. Applications should be made well in advance. More information is available at uwfrenchhouse.org (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/french-italian/french-ba/uwfrenchhouse.org).

The French House is open for lunch, Monday–Friday, for all UW–Madison students. Students wishing to receive a credit for FRENCH 301 or FRENCH 302 must attend four times per week on average.

The French House is open to the public for Wednesday dinner and Friday lunch during the academic year.

Piazza Italia

The department sponsors Piazza Italia (https://www.housing.wisc.edu/residencehalls-lc-ilc-languagehouses.htm), the Italian floor in the Lakeshore residence halls. An Italian graduate student serves as the resident house fellow, facilitating conversation in Italian and assisting a faculty member in a special 1-credit course on Italian culture. Students studying Italian will find a collegial atmosphere at Piazza Italia, which features special Italian-oriented programming including films, lectures, games, current events material, and regular meals "all’italiana" with guests from the Italian program. Piazza Italia is part of the International Learning Community (ILC) (https://www.housing.wisc.edu/residencehalls/learning-communities/international/), which is dedicated to enriching cross-cultural understanding through a variety of social and educational programs.

Clubs and Other Activities

French

French conversation groups and The French Ambassadors (https://frit.wisc.edu/french-ambassadors/), a student organization, give students the opportunity to converse in French and participate in cultural events. Undergraduates are also welcome at scholarly talks and department events on an array of subjects (see department website (https://www.frit.wisc.edu) and the French House website (http://uwfrenchhouse.org/) for event details).

Italian

Caffè Culturale (https://www.facebook.com/events/110046116336722/), an Italian conversation group, gives students the opportunity to converse in Italian, while the Italian Club (https://www.facebook.com/groups/28276254670/) allows students to participate in cultural events on campus and in the community. Cineteca Italiana (https://www.facebook.com/UWCineteca/?fref=ts) organizes weekly screenings of Italian films. Undergraduates are also welcome