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FRENCH HOUSE

La Maison Française (<http://uwfrenchhouse.org/>), a francophone (French-speaking) residence hall and cultural center, is managed by the Department of French and Italian under the direction of Anne Theobald, PhD (<https://frit.wisc.edu/staff/theobald-anne/>). 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.

The French House is open to the public for Wednesday dinner and Friday lunch (<https://www.uwfrenchhouse.com/dining/>) during the academic year.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The French Club (<https://win.wisc.edu/organization/frenchclub/>) is a registered student organization run by students involved in the French program and open to any and all UW–Madison community members who have an interest in French language and culture. Club members are encouraged to organize and participate in cultural events on campus and in the community. Undergraduates are welcome at scholarly talks and department events on an array of subjects (see department website (<https://frit.wisc.edu/>) and the French House website (<http://uwfrenchhouse.org/>) for event details).

Pi Delta Phi (<https://www.pideltaphi.org/>) is for college and university undergraduate and graduate students. Founded at the University of California, Berkeley in 1906, Pi Delta Phi is the oldest national academic honor society for a foreign language in the United States. The aims of the Society are to recognize outstanding scholarship in the French language and Francophone literatures, to increase the knowledge and appreciation of Americans for the cultural contributions of the French-speaking world, and to encourage and to stimulate French and francophone cultural activities. There are currently more than 400 chapters and over 75,000 members across the United States. The Pi Delta Phi chapter at UW–Madison, Rho Zeta, was founded by Mandi Schoville, MFS (<https://frit.wisc.edu/staff/mandi-schoville/>) and Anne Theobald, PhD (<https://frit.wisc.edu/staff/theobald-anne/>) in spring 2023 with the first cohort initiated in spring 2024. Students participate in activities and chapter events throughout the academic year. In order to be eligible for undergraduate nomination, UW–Madison undergraduate students must be sophomores, must have completed at least one semester of a 300-level or higher course in French, have a current minimum cumulative GPA of 3.000 and minimum French subject GPA of 3.300. A completed membership form and one-time dues for a lifetime membership are required for admission, for which students receive the Pi Delta Phi pin, certificate, and one set of graduation honor cords in blue, white, and red.