Want to use your French outside of the classroom?
Want to learn about contemporary issues from around the French-speaking world?
Want to meet a fun group of like-minded francophones?
Want to receive credit for attending exciting French-language events in and around Columbia?

Passeport Culturel is for you!

OVERVIEW:
The Passeport Culturel is experiential learning curriculum that culminates in a capstone research project. This original project will be an outgrowth of guided extracurricular experiences in which the student will have participated over the course of one to three semesters. P.C. is completed under the supervision of a faculty mentor using a hybrid course design (face-to-face meetings with cohort and professor along with on-line content and discussion).

During Phase One of the program, students will be issued a “passport” which they will have “stamped” when they attend sanctioned extracurricular events. The French faculty will maintain a calendar of PC events offering at least 10 hours of programming per semester. Each event will carry a point value roughly equivalent to the number of contact hours associated with the experience. Students will accumulate a minimum of 15 points in order to qualify for phase two. Students will submit an activity journal consisting of reflective writing in French on their experiences for every semester that they participate in Phase One.

In phase two, students will enroll in a capstone research course, FREN 4993 (comprised of an additional 23 hours). This hybrid course, taught in French, will have both an online and face-to-face component. It is designed to guide the student in a semester-long research project, the subject of which will be based on experiences drawn from the student’s PC journal.

FAQ:
• HOW DO I ENROLL IN PC? Your first step is to start showing up for PC events. In order to signal your intention to participate you must sign up for our GroupMe chat. Any French professor can sign you up but feel free to see Dr. Sipe (SIPED@MISSOURI.EDU), the current PC coordinator, who will be happy to get you started.
• HOW DO I KNOW ABOUT PC EVENTS? Check our GroupMe calendar. Each semester’s activities will be listed there along with other important updates and information.
• HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO COMPLETE? It will typically take two semesters to complete the required 15 hours of events, however motivated students can conceivably complete the requirements for phase II in one semester. Breakdown: 1-3 semesters attending events; 1 semester in FREN 4993.
• DO I NEED TO ENROLL IN FREN 4993 RIGHT NOW? No, you are only eligible to enroll in the course (and receive credit) once you have accumulated 15 points worth of activities and events.
• IS FREN 4993 – PASSEPORT CULTUREL- AN ACTUAL CLASS? Yes, but we count the hours you have spent at events toward your total contact hours. The class requires approximately 23 more hours of work.
• WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITES DOES P.C. ENTAIL? Anything and everything French! From gastronomic events, to film screenings, to chats with interesting people from around the Francophone world. We are planning field trips and some larger (more valuable events) events in conjunction with our French Honors Society, Pi Delta Phi.