

Quoi de neuf chez les francophiles à ISU ?

LE PETIT JOURNAL FRANÇAIS : FRENCH AT ISU

Notre comité exécutif de Pi Delta Phi

In Spring 2021, the executive board of Pi Delta Phi was represented by:

Savanna Wilder -
présidente (left)

Adriana Rosales –
vice-présidente/ secrétaire
(middle)

Sophie Cotter –
relations publiques/ trésorière
(right)



Comité exécutif en automne 2021

Are you interested in an executive position for Fall 2021? One position is currently available! We will send out an email soon to interested students, whom we would be thrilled to have join our executive board!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us or Dr. Laura Edwards!



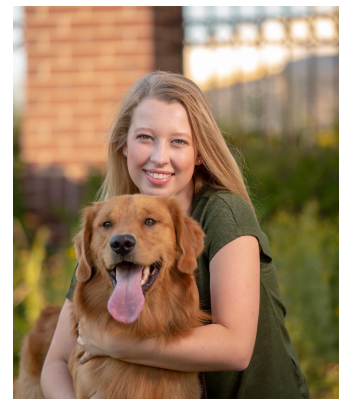
Avez-vous des idées? -l'heure de conversation themes-

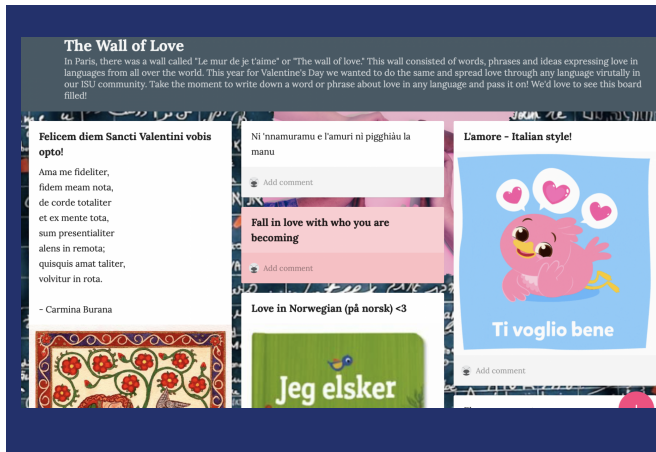
Nervous about coming to conversation hours? Don't be! We'd love to hear what you want to talk about or do! If you have any ideas for conversation hour topics, themes, or something to do during the hour, send us an email at: isupideltaphi@gmail.com

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LE MUR DE L'AMOUR:

To celebrate Valentine's Day, we decided to recreate Le mur des je t'aime created in Paris in 2000 - virtually! This wall featured lyrics, phrases, and words in numerous languages with people participating from other clubs on campus and in our surrounding community. This wall was a great reminder of how love can be expressed and understood in so many different ways around the world!

Qu'est-ce qui se passe dans les cours de français ce semestre?

FRE 215: Advanced Grammar and Oral Proficiency (Adriana Rosales)

This class helps you increase your oral proficiency through grammar review and lots of speaking. The grammar review is to help solidify understanding in areas you might not be sure of. The podcasts have been a lot of fun because we were able to choose a reading, music, or anything we wanted (as long as it was in French) and we recorded ourselves talking about it for 3-5 minutes in French. I also really enjoyed being able to respond to classmates' podcasts allowing for more communication as a class, which I personally found amazing and helpful, especially during the pandemic.

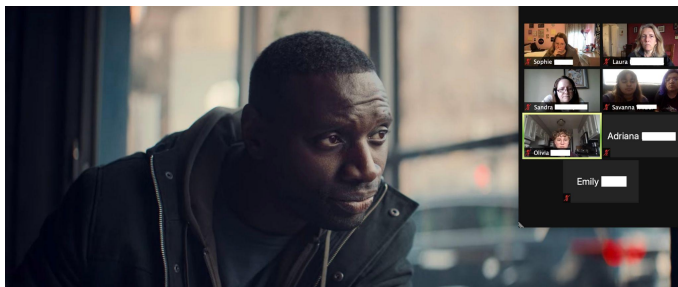
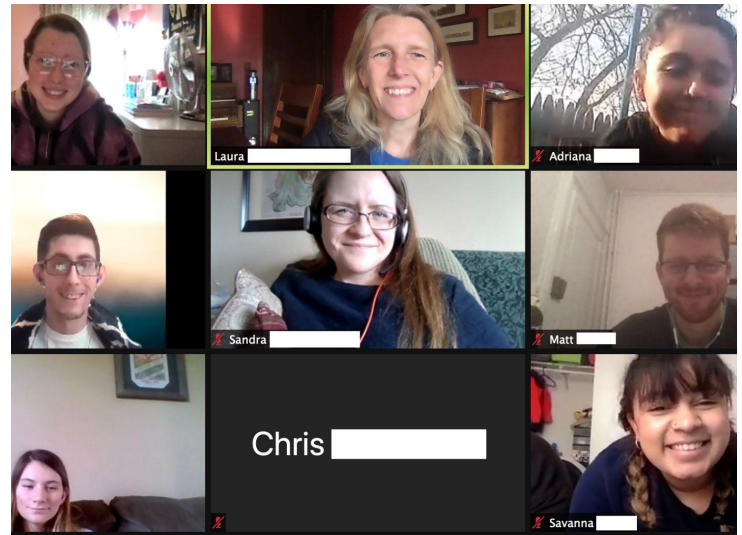
FRE 237: Critical Readings in French (Sophie Cotter)

Experiencing French literature across several centuries through the poems of Victor Hugo, the works of Marie de France and Charles d'Orléans among other genres has been eye opening. In this class students learn how to use historical context of the readings to expand on the text and events of the time. Dr. Howell gives a lot of personal help and takes the time to explain and make sure students understand and build their knowledge and French abilities.

FRE 314: Studies in Contemporary Francophone Culture

(Savanna Wilder)

FRE 314 is all about going global: we travel around the French-speaking world, studying the relationship between France and different countries from almost every continent through comic books, films and literature with the goal of viewing history objectively, attempting each time to put our shoes into the different Francophone cultures of the world.



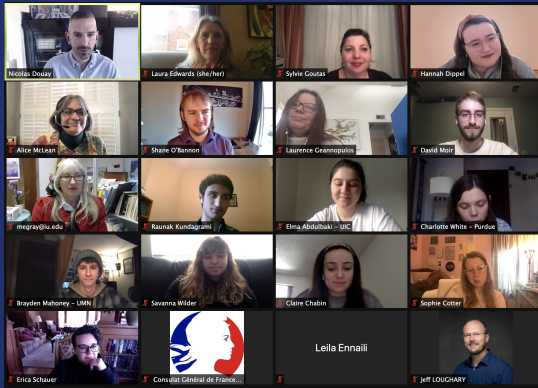
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Le club francophone et les heures de conversation: printemps 2021

Over the course of spring semester in convo hours we had over 90 participants and 10 themed events. Our most popular events were playing Jeopardy, Scattergories, and Among Us. Also, we watched the television series *Lupin* on Netflix together and discussed our reactions to each episode. On days when nothing special is planned, we talk about the pandemic, dinner recipes, tv shows we are currently watching, and show each other our pets to get to know each other - tout en français! It feels like a growing family with each passing conversation hour. We have also enjoyed expanding our community by having conversations with special guests from local high schools, alumni, and students' families. Convo hours are Mondays 4-5pm and Thursdays 5-6pm on Zoom!

Vendredi Visage

Want to see what types of people major or minor in French and Francophone Studies? [Check out our weekly showcase, Vendredi Visage](#), on our Insta and Facebook pages of students currently in French classes. You might see some of yourself in these students and decide to add a minor or major to your plan of study!



This semester we had the awesome opportunity to attend the Midwest French Club Conference. This meeting, led by the French Consulate in Chicago, consisted of brainstorming and exchanging ideas about engaging opportunities in the Francophone world such as music and film festivals, job fairs, and more cultural occasions. Along with 8-10 other Francophone clubs across the Midwest, we discussed our many projects and how to better engage our fellow Francophiles! It was an encouraging boost and eye-opening opportunity and a much needed moment of connection with others who shared the same passions as us.

Nos camarades de classe de l'université Illinois Wesleyan

This semester we have been fortunate to have students from Illinois Wesleyan University (another university here in town) joining our French classes and convo hours. It has been great to share our love for French across universities with students with a similar passion. We hope to expand Francophone club opportunities by attending events at IWU, too. Faites-nous savoir si cela vous intéresse!

Qu'est-ce qu'il y a dans un nom? French->Francophone Club

This semester, the executive board of Pi Delta Phi decided that to be more inclusive, we should update the name of those participating in our events to "Francophone Club." We reasoned that "French Club" sounds like we focus only on the culture of France. There are more than 220 million people on 5 continents and 40 countries speaking French. Francophone means that we honor more than learning about France, but also learning about the many cultures and linguistic varieties across the Francophone world. Qu'en pensez-vous?

Pi Delta Phi Membership, Junior Members, and Initiation

Interested in being a member of Pi Delta Phi? The requirements are a GPA of 3.0 and having completed, at minimum, one 200-level French course. If you are in FRE 116, you are invited to be a Junior Member, come to initiations and take part in other honor society activities to see if PDP is for you!

In late February, 2021 the national Pi Delta Phi office had serious problems with their database and website and because of the pandemic and their limited ability to work on the problem, they announced in February that membership inductions would not be possible this semester. We are very sorry not to be able to hold an honor society initiation this spring because they are always a time for us to take part in a meaningful ritual, eat some good food, and celebrate our love as Francophiles together! We will look forward to a huge celebration in the fall and hope that, member or junior member, you will attend the initiation in the fall. On espère vous y voir!