FRN 481 Special Topics: Francophone Communities in North America.
This course will examine the evolution of French-speaking communities in North America, beginning with the founding of Québec in 1608 and following with the subsequent migrations into New England, Louisiana, and the Midwest. By studying historical documents as well as literary texts, music, folktales, and films, students will analyze how the French have helped shape the United States and Canada. Students will also contribute to a documentary project recording oral histories of Francophone communities in New England, allowing them to better understand the importance of personal narrative within larger literary and cultural traditions. Taught in French. Prerequisite French 304.