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Director, Center for Languages and Global Learning
Goals of Franciscan Higher Education

A Humble and Generous Attitude toward Learning
Reverence for All Life and for the Goodness of All Humanity
Respect for the Uniqueness of Individual Persons
A Global Vision
Service to the Poor and Needy
A Community of Faith and Prayer
A Spirit of Simplicity and Joy
Franciscan Presence
“When a student comes to Saint Francis University they come with gifts and talents that are unique to them. It is our role to help those students become the person that they are meant to be.”

- President Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D.

Who We Are

Saint Francis University is one of the oldest Catholic universities in the United States, and the oldest Franciscan institution of higher education in the country. Faith, generosity, respect, discovery, and joy are integral to our identity, and we seek to attract members to our community with a passion to share our Catholic-Franciscan values and a dedicated desire to help our students grow into compassionate, caring, and fulfilled professionals.

The institution is rich in history: the seeds of what has become Saint Francis University and our Franciscan identity were planted in 1847 by six Franciscan friars from Ireland who founded a boys' academy in Loretto. The guiding principles of these founders are the values we embrace at Saint Francis University to this day. The modern expression of these principles came to life in 1991 through the vision of Fr. Christian Oravec, T.O.R., then president of Saint Francis University, who penned the Goals of Franciscan Higher Education.
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The SFU motto, *become that someone*, speaks to our students' drive to become compassionate, caring, successful professionals; and to our drive to help them get there.
Our 600-acre scenic campus is located atop the Allegheny Mountains in Loretto, Pennsylvania, 80 miles east of Pittsburgh. The small town of Loretto provides members of the campus community the benefits of a historic and charming rural setting close to urban amenities. With affordable housing markets and living expenses below the national average, the area offers a safe, high quality of living at a manageable price tag. For families, the local school districts, both public and private, are highly rated in academic achievement, and the region features four conveniently located comprehensive medical facilities, including a Level 1 trauma center.

For the outdoors enthusiast, each change of season opens up new possibilities for adventure. Opportunities for hiking, skiing, mountain biking, and kayaking are all minutes away from campus. If you have the desire to travel elsewhere for a day or enjoy a weekend trip away, major metropolitan areas are close by, including Pittsburgh (1.5 hour), Washington, D.C. (3 hours), Baltimore (3 hours), Philadelphia (4 hours), and New York City (5 hours).
A private, non-profit 501(c)(3) entity, Saint Francis University is governed by a board of trustees and operates under the management of the president and executive committee. The university annually enrolls nearly 2,500 undergraduate and graduate students.

At Saint Francis University, we educate persons of all faiths in an environment inspired by Catholic values. Here you will find broad intellectual development coupled with career-directed studies in the sciences, healthcare, business, and the humanities.

Our students go on to become accountants, biologists, business owners, chemists, doctors, environmental engineers, lawyers, nurses, occupational therapists, physician assistants, and physical therapists, to name just a few, and they carry their Franciscan values with them.

Our Academic Schools

The school structure at Saint Francis melds the highest level of academic programming with curricular and co-curricular experiences to create a holistic learning setting for students.

Our four schools:

- Shields School of Business
- Health Sciences and Education
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics
- Francis Worldwide (Professional, Adult, and Continuing Education)
Students with a heart for service gravitate to Saint Francis University. Community engagement is deeply embedded in the culture of the institution, and is one of the six transformational experiences on a student’s Leadership, Involvement, and Service Transcript (L.I.S.T.).

Our heart for service comes from the lessons imparted on us by our patron, St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis taught us that those have been given much are expected to give back.

The Center for Community Engagement supports faculty who teach community-engaged courses, collaborates with community partners to address societal needs, is home to SFUServes Ambassadors program, and sponsors domestic and international service mission trips.
In his brief three-year career, Maurice Stokes '55 made the All-Star and All-NBA second teams in each season, but his career was cut short due to a terrible fall in 1958. During a game against the Minneapolis Lakers, Stokes fell and landed on his head. Just days later, Stokes suffered a series of seizures while aboard an airplane to Cincinnati to face the Detroit Pistons in a playoff game. The ordeal left Stokes permanently paralyzed and unable to speak. The medical bills, and the attention required, became almost insurmountable.

Enter Jack Twyman, Stokes' teammate with the Cincinnati Royals. Twyman became Maurice’s legal guardian and assumed responsibility for his friend's medical expenses. The never-ending assists from Twyman helped keep Stokes alive until 1970. As Twyman later stated, "Maurice was on his own, something had to be done, and somebody had to do it. I was the only one that was there, so I became that someone."

His example now serves as inspiration for the entire Saint Francis community and “become that someone” is the official motto of the university.
We often tell our students that if you want to lead, follow Francis. The simple message of service to others, as embodied by St. Francis of Assisi, has more appeal than ever before. The guiding principles of the Franciscans aren't just ideals to be admired, but values to be lived. That's why we invest tuition dollars in programs that build character.

Here are a few examples:

- Campus Ministry
- Flash Leadership Initiatives
- Global Experiences
- Greek Life
- Peer Ministry
- Student Athlete Mentors
- Student Government Association
Mission: The SFU Center for Languages and Global Learning promotes and supports language and cultural learning acquisition to enrich SFU student educational experiences and to prepare students for the everyday practice and use of language in life and work in a diverse global society.

Offerings: The Center provides a broad array of programs and services including the following:

- Engaged learning, teaching, and practice of the world’s languages and cultures via majors, minors, or select courses;
- Intensive semester long study abroad opportunities at our premier location in Ambialet, France;
- Enriching and immersive study abroad opportunities in multiple countries, languages, and/or related academic disciplines;
- Host language, international student, and cultural events for SFU students and the broader SFU community;
- A welcoming community and enriching opportunity for international students attending SFU;
- Positive international exchange programs, dual enrollment programs, and opportunities to support cross-cultural and cross-institutional learning and exchange;
- Central SFU location for coordination and management of all study away programs.

Languages: Saint Francis University currently offers introductory level instruction in French, German, Italian, and Spanish. We have a Spanish major, with minors in Spanish, Spanish for Medical Professionals, and Spanish for Law Enforcement. We also have a French Cultural Studies minor and an Italian Cultural Studies minor.

Study Abroad: Saint Francis University’s culturally enriching study abroad programs give students an exciting way to complete credits and offer service. Skills gained through study abroad are life-changing and invaluable. By experiencing and living in other cultures, students ultimately develop a respect for diversity and find fulfillment in realizing responsibilities as global citizens. Study abroad programs include the University’s signature Semester in France, multiple summer programs including Cross-Cultural Studies in Italy, End of Life Care Seminar in France, International Marine Science Program, International Sign Language Immersion, Social Work in Taiwan, Spanish in Costa Rica, and spring break programs including a Business program in London and Service programs in The Bahamas and Ecuador.
The Director for SFU Center for Languages and Global Learning reports to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and oversees the strategy and operations for language learning and study abroad, including partnering with the Director of the SFU Ambialet, France, campus and the Director of Study Abroad, as well as coordinating SFU international studies, in order to achieve the mission of the Center.

The Director works closely with the School Deans, especially the Dean of the School of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (to whom the Director has a dual reporting line for language programs), and other areas of the University, including enrollment management, financial aid, athletics, and university administration, to ensure collaboration across all departments and compliance with federal, accreditation, and international regulations.

**Duties:**

Monitor all language programs to ensure that:

- language courses and programs have qualified faculty;
- faculty evaluations are conducted annually;
- language faculty, both full time and part time, are hired and supervised according to SFU faculty handbook and HR policies and procedures;
- student learning outcomes and proficiencies are identified and monitored for each language program; each language program is reviewed regularly;
- modifications in language programs are recommended and presented to the Dean and the VPAA following the requirements of the Curriculum Committees of the University;
- recruiting SFU students into language majors both new recruits and current students;
- community outreach especially engaging high school students who would be potential language majors and/or seek study abroad learning opportunities;
- the general education language requirement can be met and schedules courses accordingly.
Promote the Center, Ambialet, Study Abroad, and language and global learning opportunities as avenues for student enrollment and growth at SFU by:

- collaborating with Enrollment Management and Admissions;
- managing international requirements and USA requirements for study of international students in the USA, as well as USA students abroad;
- communicating directly with incoming students and advisors regarding placement for AP courses and language opportunities available to them; partnering with the Director of Ambialet and the Director of Study Abroad Programs to ensure the Ambialet program is fully programmed and enrolled each and every semester;
- working with Athletics and Enrollment Management to establish goals and protocols for international student admissions;
- secure agreements with other institutions of higher education to enroll their students in SFU study abroad in Ambialet.

Provide Leadership and Management of the Center, such as:

- supervision of faculty (full time and adjunct), as well as language specific coordinators, Director of Study Abroad, Director of Ambialet, Manager of International Programs, and others as determined;
- identification and pursuit of potential international university partners and continued development of current programs and partners;
- oversight of the Center budget, including advocating for required resources, monitoring expenditures according to approved budget, and cost effective management of these resources, etc.;
- the establishment of partnerships with other Universities and the creation of new relationships and program opportunities, as well as the evaluation and management of current programs and partnerships;
- collaboration with Academic Schools and Office for Study Abroad to establish goals and protocols and monitor international internships and faculty led programming;
- advocating for language and global learning, especially for study abroad in Ambialet;
- leading the Center in strategic planning and policy proposal for education and learning in and through the Center;
- collaborate with Francis Worldwide to offer online language courses and potential language and global learning programs; oversight for crisis and risk management.

Required Qualifications:

- Doctorate (Ph.D. or other terminal degree) in a language or related international or cultural discipline;
- Language fluency in French, Spanish, or Italian, preferably more than one of these languages;
- Evidence of active involvement in the field through presentations, publications, offices held in professional world language and cultural learning organizations, engagement with TESOL, NAFSA, AAIE, etc.;
Interested applicants should apply online at francis.edu/employment, then submit a letter of application, resume, and names, addresses and phone numbers of three references to: positions@francis.edu. All inquiries will be considered confidential.

Our Commitment to Diversity

Being a member of the Saint Francis University community means that you are part of a supportive family, one that embraces life, celebrates individuality, and understands that diversity strengthens the institution as a whole. Our campus is a haven characterized by equal access and respectful participation for all groups and individuals. Accordingly, we are committed to seeking out candidates who have similar values and can apply their own unique experiences and perspectives in supporting and growing our vision.

If you have questions, need assistance, or require special accommodations, please contact:
The Office of Human Resources at (814) 472-3264

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