The French Section at PSU offers 6 badges:

- Effective Communicator
  - HIGH BEGINNER
- Effective Communicator
  - INTERMEDIATE
- Effective Communicator
  - ADVANCED
- Community Engagement
- Cultural Knowledge and Global Awareness
- Research and Analytical Skills

How do I get started?
Sign up with your adviser and complete all the requirements for each badge you want to earn.

What do I do to get a badge?
Tasks include, among others, class assignments, written essays, blogs, e-portfolios, and videos.

Where are badges stored?
Badges are stored online. Once you have earned your badge, it will be stored in your personal account (even after you graduate). You can share it with employers, family and friends through social networking.

What information gets stored with each badge?
When you share a badge, the person you share it with can click on its various parts and learn what you did to earn the badge, what credentials you have, and the name of the granter (a French faculty member).

Do I need to pay to get a badge?
No! Badges are completely free if you are a registered PSU student.

Check here for more information:
www.pdx.edu/wll/french
**What are digital badges?**

Digital badges are visual and virtual representations of specific skills and competencies that students acquire during their French studies. Students earn badges by completing specific tasks that faculty evaluates according to criteria separate from those used for course grades. Some tasks can be completed in French courses while others are completed outside of the classroom.

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**Theory and practice together capture your learning experience and prepare you for jobs.**

**LANGUAGE BADGES:**

**HIGH BEGINNER:** Student can easily function at the basic level in everyday life and has some understanding of francophone cultures.

**INTERMEDIATE:** Student can understand and analyze main points of concrete topics; provide detailed descriptions; and narrate in most time frames. S/he also demonstrates a deeper understanding of francophone cultures.

**ADVANCED:** Student can analyze, interpret, hypothesize and support an argument on concrete and abstract topics; use extended and cohesive discourse. S/he also demonstrates a deep understanding of francophone cultures with knowledge of specific cultural aspects.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** Student has worked in the community; can communicate effectively in French with people in professional settings; work in teams; and demonstrate acquired professional skills.

**CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE AND GLOBAL AWARENESS:** Student knows how to approach a different culture and how to reflect on his or her own culture; can develop comparative constructive thinking in specific cultural areas such as politics, arts and the sciences.

**RESEARCH AND ANALYTICAL SKILLS:** Student demonstrates mastery of approaches to research; knows how to form a strong thesis statement; conduct adequate research; and develop a coherent and convincing written piece encompassing the data collected.

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