

Sample Courses

French Studies

| Year 1 | |
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| 1002-1003 | Intensive French for beginners (Preliminary) |
| 1010-1011 | Intermediate French (Preliminary) |
| 1900-1999 | First-year University French / Introduction to French Studies |
| Year 2 | |
| 2900-2907 | French Language and Grammar |
| 2600-2606 | French Literature (Introduction) |
| 2805-2806 | French Linguistics (Introduction) |
| 2403-2408 | French and Francophone Cultures |
| 2305-2306 | Translation |
| 2205-2209 | Professional French |
| Year 3 | |
| 3900-3908 | French Language |
| 3800-3889 | French Linguistics |
| 3500-3799 | Literature and Culture in Society |
| 3300-3309 | Translation |
| 3200-3201 | Business French |
| Year 4 | |
| 4040 | Old French Language |
| 4100-4110 | Research Paper / Esthetic Forms and Practices |
| 4800-4899 | Advanced Linguistics in French |

NOTE: Not all courses may be offered each year.

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About the Department of French Studies

Since 1967, the Department of French Studies has provided resources, personnel and opportunities for thousands of undergraduate and graduate students looking for a first-rate education in French language, literature and linguistics. French Studies has an impressive roster of renowned and award-winning professors and instructors who specialize in a wide range of fields complementing the essentials of language acquisition from beginner to advanced level, literature from all areas of the Francophone world, and linguistics from a French perspective. While pursuing a valued French Studies module, students can consider specialized courses on literary theory, culture and civilization, syntax and phonetics, translation and the French business environment.

Why Study French?

With today's career possibilities in an increasingly diverse global society, the benefits of knowing French are readily apparent. There are hundreds of millions of French speakers worldwide, including over 7 million Canadian Francophones, and a module in French Studies can give you a significant advantage when considering work opportunities. Whether it be in educational, business, diplomatic, legal or scientific professions, French provides you with an additional asset for today's highly competitive job market. You may pursue an Honors Specialization or a Major in French Studies with the intention of working where French is required, or choose a Minor in French Studies or one of our Certificates in combination with another degree program in order to be more competitive in today's globalized job market. Whatever you choose to do in life, a module in French Studies always enhances your career prospects.

Literature

Literature is not just imaginative fiction; it is a rich fund of knowledge about the real world. Through literature we learn about the historical, social, intellectual and moral forces which have shaped humanity. Literature is also a powerful agent in the world; it proposes criticism, solutions and alternatives to reality and to our place in it. Knowledge of literature is a valuable social skill which contributes to one's ability to understand and influence people, to speak and express oneself in a coherent and effective way, and to adapt one's written and oral expression to different people and different contexts with respect and understanding. The research and communication skills that are required of French literature students translate naturally into personal and professional life. A French Studies module with literature can lead to careers in education, media, broadcasting, journalism, publishing and more.

Meet Kristen

"I enjoy being able to apply French language skills refined in the classroom to global contexts (France, Rwanda, Madagascar), as well as explore different areas of research, including literature, linguistics, and translation."

- Kristen Nadal, Honors Specialization in French Language and Literature, Major in Bioarchaeological Anthropology



Linguistics

Linguistics, the scientific study of language, enhances your academic program with critical and analytical skills while contributing to your understanding of human language, not simply from a grammatical or spoken perspective but also from a scientific approach. The study of phonetics, phonology, syntax, morphology and semantics within French Studies will complement your understanding of the language and how it is related, and different, from other languages. When combined with French, the study of linguistics can lead to careers in health, artificial intelligence, education, media and more.

Go Global

Immerse yourself in French language and culture through our study abroad, exchange, and experiential learning opportunities. Spend five-weeks learning about the history and culture of Rwanda while engaged in interactive community service. Experience life as student at the University of Sophia-Antipolis in Nice, France during your third year. The world is truly your classroom and the opportunities are endless!

Get Involved

French Studies is a dynamic department that offers a number of opportunities to experience French language and culture beyond the classroom. Enjoy French film screenings through Atelier des cinéphiles, get involved in Théâtre L'On Donne's annual theatrical production, join our weekly French Conversation group, the Western French Club and more!

For further information about the Department of French Studies visit www.uwo.ca/french, email french@uwo.ca or call 519-661-2163.

Meet Max

One of the biggest motivations I have is that Canada is a bilingual country. So knowing French will help me find a job in the future. Because the French Program offered by Western is so comprehensive, after four years I'm really able to speak French, like a Francophone."

- Max Wu, Finance and French Studies

