



# Why study French?

## WHY STUDY FRENCH?

To develop your skills in communication, reading, and critical thinking by exploring the language, literatures, and cultures of France and other French-speaking countries. To broaden your understanding of, and self-expression in, a language that is both European and global (spoken on four continents). To equip yourself for a diverse society and workplace by enhancing your cultural awareness and intellectual flexibility.

## WHAT WILL I LEARN?

You will study French language and French and francophone literature and culture, developing your linguistic and critical skills across a three- or four-year programme:

**First Year:** Foundations in language and literature

**Second Year:** Developing linguistic and analytical skills through a range of literature and cultural modules from the early modern to the contemporary periods

**Final Year:** Developing advanced linguistic proficiency while further developing critical thinking, across diverse specialist literary and cultural subject areas.

## CAREER & GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES?

The communication skills, critical thinking, cultural sensitivity and intellectual flexibility acquired through studying French provide a strong foundation for a wide range of careers, including International Business, International Relations, Public Administration, Education, Translation and Interpreting, Journalism and Media, Tourism, Careers in the EU. A BA in French is also a platform for further study via an MA in Modern Languages (French), an M.Litt. or PhD.



CAO Code	BA Modern Languages (DN541)	BA Joint Honours (DN520)	BA Humanities - Languages, Linguistics and Cultures, European or Global Studies (DN530)	BEd Education with Gaeilge & Modern Languages (DN760)	BComm International French minor + Commerce major (DN660)	BSc Social Sciences French minor + Politics, Economics or Sociology major (DN700)
<b>Length of course</b>	As a major: 4 Years (includes compulsory Erasmus year)	As a major: 4 years with Erasmus, 3 without	As a major: 4 Years (includes internship/study abroad)	As a major: 4 Years (includes placement/study abroad)	As a minor: 4 years (includes compulsory Erasmus year)	As a minor: 4 years (includes compulsory Erasmus year)
<b>Entry requirements</b>	O6/H7 in English, Irish, a third language and three other recognised subjects				O2/H6 Maths, O6/H7 in English, Irish, a third language and 2 other recognised subjects	O6/H7 in English, Irish, Maths and 3 other recognised subjects
<b>Special entry requirements</b>	French can only be taken at non-beginners level. We recommend that you study French, only if you have at least a H4 grade in Leaving Certificate French, or equivalent.					

## INTERNATIONAL STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Students of French are required or strongly encouraged to spend a year abroad in one of our 15 universities in Montréal, Canada, Lausanne, Geneva, Switzerland, Belgium (Bruxelles), and even in Guadeloupe in the eastern Caribbean sea, thus graduating after four years with an international degree. The year abroad offers a unique opportunity to study at a francophone university and to become immersed in another language and culture. For most students, the year abroad is essential to achieving the linguistic fluency and cultural flexibility expected of language graduates by prospective employers.



## OTHER VOICES, OTHER VIEWS

To study another language is to listen to another voice and to discover another view on the world. To study French, which is both a European and a global language, is to encounter multiple voices and multiple views. This explains why French at UCD has two main dimensions: not only the development of language and communication skills, but also the critical exploration of the literature and culture of French-speaking countries. If you embrace the study of French with its other voices and views, you will expand your intellectual horizons and nothing will ever sound or look quite the same again.



## STUDENT TESTIMONY

"Studying French at UCD has been a truly rewarding experience. I always looked forward to classes as I knew I was going to learn something new. The lecturers and tutors are very friendly and are more than willing to help with any questions you might have. I chose the BA International degree as I wanted to spend a year in France. I thoroughly enjoyed my Erasmus year in Lyon, which helped me gain fluency in the language while making lifelong friends of different nationalities."

*Germaine Fagan (BA International French)*



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