



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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French Studies

French Studies provides a diverse curriculum encompassing study in language, linguistics, and literature.

A part of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, the French Studies program encompasses study in language, linguistics, literature, and civilization as well as overlapping fields of knowledge such as philosophy, history, and aesthetics. We offer language courses in areas such as writing, translation and stylistics, linguistics courses in areas such as phonetics, morphology, syntax, lexicology and dialectology, and literature courses examining the major movements, periods and genres in the literature of France, Canada, and sub-Saharan Africa. All courses encourage students to develop clarity and diversity of thought, intellectual rigour, and method.

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures offers a friendly atmosphere in which to learn French, German, Italian, and Spanish. Students may study a variety of languages at once, or specialize in one. We offer Bachelor of Arts degrees in French Studies, German Studies, and Spanish Studies.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year, 4-year, or Honours)** with a Major in French Studies.

Students taking a 4-year degree in another Major may choose to add a Minor in French Studies as a secondary area of interest.

SAMPLE CAREERS

A command of both of Canada's official languages is a definite asset in obtaining employment in almost every field. Students who graduate with a degree in French Studies can go on to teach or to become translators or interpreters.

Careers in administration, government, industry, commerce, publishing, and journalism are among those favoured by French Studies graduates. In addition, speaking one or more languages is beneficial for careers in museums, libraries, travel, tourism, and companies having overseas offices.

SAMPLE COURSES

Introductory French is a first-year course that focuses on providing a solid base in vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation. Equal emphasis is placed on reading, writing, aural comprehension, and oral expression. Students who studied French at school but did not complete French 40S are eligible to take this course.

Practical Language Skills is a first-year course that enables students who have completed French 40S to increase their proficiency in writing, reading, aural comprehension, and oral expression. Additional practice is done in weekly conversational groups. Students who completed French 40S with an average grade are eligible to take this course.

Children's Literature of French Canada is a second-year course that examines the characteristic themes and styles of this literature and its evolution from the beginning of the 20th century to the present day.

English-French Translation is a second-year course that gives students a chance to expand their French grammar and vocabulary, and initiates them to specific written styles in French.

MORE SAMPLE COURSES

Comparative Stylistics

French Idioms

Enlightenment 1 & 2
Expanding Borders: the Contemporary Francophone Novel of Canada
Francophone Black Feminist Literature
Intermediate Written Expression
"Théâtre Classique": 17th and 18th Century Drama
Modern French Literature I & II

French for Business
Phonetics
Literary Translation
Normative Grammar
Studies in Bilingualism
Texts and Terminology

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

"I consider some University of Winnipeg professors to be dear and lifelong friends. I remain in touch with them, and admire their skill as teachers, writers, and researchers very highly. They continue to inspire me in my teaching and writing career." - *Heather Cullen (B.Ed. '01) went on to earn a master of arts in French Literature at the University of Ottawa. A published writer, she teaches language and writing courses for adults in French and English.*

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- University of Winnipeg students may participate in an exchange program that places each as an *assistant(e) d'anglais* in the school system in France where they will teach English.
- The University of Winnipeg has an exchange program with the Université de Bordeaux III. Students may take courses for up to two semesters in Bordeaux, and obtain University of Winnipeg credit. The Université de Bordeaux III also offers an intensive language program each summer.
- The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures awards various prizes and scholarships annually to deserving students, including several in French Studies.
- Students are invited to a wine and cheese party to celebrate the end of the academic year.

DID YOU KNOW?

- French and English are the only languages spoken as a native language on five continents.
- French is one of the official working languages in dozens of international organizations, including Amnesty International, the European Union, the International Olympic Committee, NATO, the UN, the World Health Organization, and the World Trade Organization.

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

High school graduates with **French 40S**, **Français 40S**, **I.B. French**, or **French Advanced Placement** are placed in courses based on prerequisites as outlined in the Calendar. Introductory courses are available for those who have never studied French, or who know little French. Please see the Course Calendar for details, and contact the department for placement advising and a petition to register in the course that is right for you.

HOW TO APPLY – Domestic Student

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca or pick up an Application for Admission from your high school counsellor's office or the Admissions Office at The University of Winnipeg. To meet Scholarship deadline submit your application and \$80 application fee by **March 1st**.

HOW TO APPLY – International Student

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply and submit all official documents by mail. To meet Scholarship deadline submit application, fee, and documents by **March 1st**. International application fee is \$100, which includes a one-time courier fee.

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