



FACULTY OF ARTS

FRENCH STUDIES

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

The French Studies program is an integral part of the Modern Languages & Literatures Department. It encompasses study in language, linguistics, literature, and culture as well as overlapping fields of knowledge such as philosophy, sociology, history, aesthetics, and Indigenous studies.

We offer language courses in areas such as writing, translation and stylistics, linguistics courses in areas such as phonetics, morphology, syntax and lexicology, and literature courses examining the major movements, periods and genres in the literatures of France, Canada and the Francophone world. All courses encourage students to develop clarity and diversity of thought, intellectual rigour, and method.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year, 4-year, or Honours)** with a Major in French Studies. Students taking an undergraduate degree in another Major may choose to add a Minor in French Studies as a secondary area of interest. The Department also participates in the Interdepartmental Minor in Comparative Literature.

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 education, administration, government, 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

Elementary French 1 is designed for students with no prior training in French. Basic skills in oral comprehension and expression are emphasized in class and in weekly labs.

Intermediate French 1 is intended for students with a working knowledge of basic French. Skills in reading, writing, speaking and comprehension are further developed through reading activities (e.g. news articles, short stories) and by listening to documentaries and news reports in class and in weekly labs. Writing tasks include reviews and compositions.

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

- Introduction to French Literature
- French for Business
- Language and Style
- Composition & Grammar
- History of the French Language
- Literature and Photography

SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

6 credit hours of French Studies courses (depending on the results of your Online Placement Test)
ENGL-1005(3) Intro Read to Write
HIST-1015(3) The Atlantic World: Europe and the Americas, 1700-1989
RHET-1101(3) Academic Writing: Humanities or other section of Academic Writing (if required)
12-15 credit hours of Electives

NOTE: This sample first year is representative of the courses you may take. For many of our programs, you may choose another set of courses and still be well on your way to a degree. Also, for most programs you do not have to take 30 credit hours (five full courses) in your first year.

“I consider some University of Winnipeg professors to be dear and lifelong friends. I remain in touch with them, and admire their skills as teachers, writers, and researchers very highly. They continue to inspire me in my teaching and writing career.”

- Heather Cullen (B.Ed.), published writer and teacher in French and English

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

You must meet The University of Winnipeg’s general admission requirements. No specific courses are required. The University of Winnipeg offers a wide range of French courses to fit all levels of proficiency and language knowledge.

NEW: All students registering for their first French Studies course *must* take the **Online Placement Test**. The test results will assist in determining the appropriate first French course to be taken: FREN-1100(3), FREN-1102(3), FREN-1103(3), FREN-1104(3) or FREN-2105(3). Further details on the test are available on the French Studies website: <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/french-studies/french-placement-test.html>

HOW TO APPLY

For details on application requirements, and deadlines, and to apply online, please visit: uwinnipeg.ca/apply

For more information contact a student recruitment officer at welcome@uwinnipeg.ca or 204.786.9844. In any case where the University’s Academic Calendar and this fact sheet differ, the current Calendar takes precedence.

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