



FRENCH



The Ottawa-Gatineau region is a great place to learn and live in French. Whether you're just starting out, or you're already bilingual, Carleton University's French department can help you get to where you want to go with the language. Students learn to communicate with confidence, reflect deeply, and express themselves clearly in French. You'll feel part of a welcoming community of learners in small, supportive, and inclusive classes. French at Carleton offers free tutoring sessions for improving spoken and written French, cultural outings, and opportunities for courses and exchanges in Québec and in Europe.

French is offered as a major in the BA degree, and as a specialization within the Bachelor of Global and International Studies. A major in French can be combined with almost any other program at Carleton. Other popular options include a minor in French or in Québec Studies.

FRENCH LANGUAGE



Interested in learning or improving your skills in Canada's official languages? You'll be placed in French courses that fit your level best, ranging from beginner to advanced. Our courses provide students with the opportunity to practice listening, reading, writing, and speaking. You'll develop skills in vocabulary, grammar, and culture that will serve you well in professional contexts and in everyday life.

FRENCH LINGUISTICS



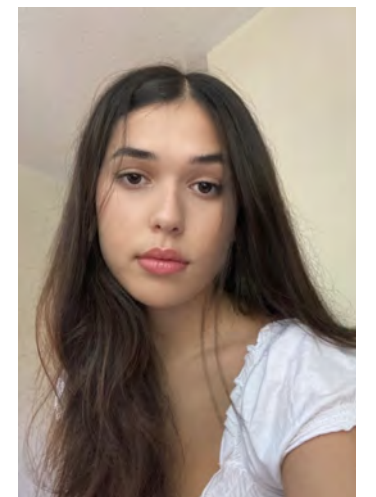
Where did the French language come from, and how has it changed over time? What are the differences between French in Canada and elsewhere? French linguistics opens up the world of this diverse and constantly evolving language. You'll get to learn about how people actually speak French, and how they feel about it when they do. Some highlights include learning about French accents, creoles, dialects, and even slang. Learn to transcribe spoken French using the International Phonetic Alphabet, make language maps, and draw tree diagrams of French words and sentences.

FRENCH LITERATURE



Studying literature is a great way to put your language skills into practice. It's also a window into the many Francophone cultures that you'll learn about at Carleton through our literature courses. By reading poetry, novels, and plays from Québec and Canada, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and France, you'll grapple with current and historical issues like migration, colonialism, nationalism, and identity, and develop an appreciation for the ways in which different cultures express themselves through language and the literary arts.

"When I first started, my French skills were not as defined as they are today. I have met other students in the program with a variety of French skill levels, both above and below my own, and we are all supported in different ways to ensure growth at our own pace. Learning French in a supportive environment at Carleton has helped me gain the confidence I need to apply for the many French language jobs that are offered in Ottawa, Canada, and around the world."



Sarah Quinn,
French student



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To assist you in navigating your degree by highlighting various planning tips, along with academic and co-curricular experiences that promote discovery. You also have access to a range of services at Carleton to further assist you in navigating your time at the university to get the most out of your experience. For more information on the services available please consult students.carleton.ca

MAJOR MAP

French

YEAR ONE

Take the French Placement test to see which courses are at the right level for you.

Students entering the program with low intermediate level complete FREN 1100 or 1110 while those with high intermediate level can register in FREN 2110 and 2701.

Plan your academic path

Build skills and discover interests

Prepare for life after graduation

Engage locally and globally

Take advantage of the Department's free discussion groups and "Services de soutien", for individual support in your spoken and written language skills and assignments.

Attend Expo Carleton in the fall to learn more about clubs and societies on campus.

Visit The Centre for Student Academic Support (CSAS) for student support resources, such as writing services, learning support sessions, workshops, and webinars.

Register for CU 1001 through the Student Experience Office (SEO) to learn more about student life.

Look into the various workshops offered by Carleton's Career Services or speak to the Career Services staff to explore how your interests are linked to potential jobs.

ALL FOUR YEARS

Get involved in one of the bilingual volunteer organizations in the Ottawa-Gatineau region, and enjoy artistic performances and cultural activities in French at local venues.

Participate in a summer language and cultural program in a Canadian French community with Explore Canada.

Gain valuable community-based experience by engaging with a local organization to support a variety of initiatives through the Community Partnership Project.

Interested in studying French abroad for a semester or a year? Check out your options for an international exchange at one of Carleton's partner institutions in Europe. The Department offers bursaries for students who go on exchange.

Apply for a position through the International Internship Program to work internationally while gaining professional experience.

Apply to the International Partnership Program to engage in project-based development programs and foster cross-cultural awareness.

Engage with a meaningful community identified project abroad with an alternative spring break organized by the Student Experience Office (SEO).

YEAR TWO

Once you've completed Intermediate French (FREN 1100), you can start your introductory "Specialist" courses in French Literature (FREN 2202 & 2203) and French Linguistics (FREN 2401).

Continue working on French language skills in Advanced French (FREN 2110) and oral French (FREN 2701).

Book an appointment with a departmental advisor during March Advising to start planning out the rest of your degree.

Get involved in CUSFA, the Carleton University Student French Society, and the Department's "Club francophone".

Each year, the School of Linguistics and Language Studies organizes a "Linguavision" night. Think Eurovision, but without all the pressure! All you need is a bit of creativity, courage, and your favourite song in French.

Use the mySuccess portal to explore on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities and other career events.

Apply to the Co-op option in French to earn 3 semesters of paid work experience.

Explore the skills you will develop during your French degree on the Your Degree, Your Future website.

YEAR THREE

You'll take several "Specialist" courses in French literature, linguistics, and other French-related topics.

You'll need to pass an Oral Proficiency Exam in order to graduate. You can try taking it early, to see what it's like and to receive feedback on how to improve.

Explore the possibility of taking a course on literature, history, and culture on-site in Québec City. Departmental bursaries are available.

Meet with a departmental advisor to ensure you're on the right path to complete your program requirements.

Apply to the FASS Undergraduate Summer Research Internship program for a paid opportunity to collaborate with faculty on your research interests.

Interested in teaching? Apply for the Students as Partners Program to work with an instructor on course design and development.

Want to get more involved in the Department and in the broader Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS)? Become a FASS Ambassador and assist with a variety of events and initiatives throughout the academic year.

Contact Career Services to help you with job search and networking strategies, job applications, or preparing for interviews.

Attend career fairs happening on campus in the fall and winter semester.

Considering further education? Attend the Graduate School & Education Fair.

YEAR FOUR

Choose from a range of exciting, research-focused seminars led by professors who bring their current research to these courses.

Make sure you've completed the Oral Proficiency Exam needed to graduate from the program.

Check out the Registrar's Graduation page for FAQs and the deadline to apply to graduate.

Meet with a departmental advisor to ensure you're fulfilling your program requirements for graduation.

Gain experience helping students with their language skills as a paid Teaching Assistant in French courses and in the Department's oral and written "Services de soutien".

Share your experience through leadership and mentorship of newer students in CUSFA, the Carleton University Student French Society, and in the Department's "Club francophone".

The B.Ed. Teacher Training program at Nipissing University has spots reserved for Carleton French graduates. If this is of interest to you, speak with the department to learn more.

Carleton offers an M.A. in French and Francophone Studies if you wish to further your studies. Scholarships and paid Teaching Assistantships are available.

Apply for future job opportunities of interest through mySuccess.

Skills you'll acquire

- Communicate with confidence in French, an official language of Canada
- Write clearly and persuasively in a second language
- Develop intercultural awareness and sensitivity
- Analyse and discuss written texts from different genres, origins and periods
- Collect, evaluate, and present quantitative and qualitative information about French
- Identify and challenge common myths about French language, culture and identity
- Learn the tools you'll need to be a confident life-long learner and user of French
- Build creative and critical thinking skills that you can apply to a broad range of career paths

Career paths you can follow

- Elementary and Secondary Teaching
- Federal, Provincial and Municipal Government
- Community Service Organizations
- Canadian Foreign Service
- Social Work and Law
- International and Humanitarian Aid
- International Business
- Museum, Library and Archives
- Translation and Interpretation
- Communications, Journalism and Media