

French Studies

Undergraduate Degree Programs

General B.A., 3- or 4-Year French

Honours B.A., French

Honours B.A., French, Arts and Business, Regular and Co-op

**Honours B.A., French, French Teaching Specialization,
Consecutive Program**

Joint Honours with French

Minor in French

Studying French at the university level is a strategic move that could lead to a rich career in a wide variety of fields including teaching, the public service, translation, library science, communications, and marketing. Linguistic and cultural diversity is at the cutting edge of a rapidly globalizing world in which bilingual individuals are expected to play a crucial role. The undergraduate French degree program can also lead directly to studying French language and literature at the graduate level.

Our French Studies programs include **language** courses leading to proficiency in reading, writing and speaking French. While some courses deal with all of these skills, others are aimed specifically at improving conversation ability. There are also courses designed to provide knowledge of French necessary to conduct standard business practice in that language.

Courses are offered tracing the development of French **culture** throughout the world in areas such as politics, music and art. Courses in **linguistics** provide an introduction to a basic theoretical reflection on language and an opportunity for more advanced study in this area. **Literature** courses are offered covering all genres and all periods of French-Canadian and French literatures using many different critical approaches.

Consecutive B.A. and B.Ed. Program – French Teaching Specialization

Beginning in second year, students may choose to specialize in French Teaching, a program of consecutive education in which students receive an Honours B.A. in French from the University of Waterloo and a B.Ed. from Nipissing University, North Bay. Students are required to spend their third year in a French speaking environment (normally Nantes, Chicoutimi, or Paris) during which they achieve a high level of fluency in French. At graduation, students are fully qualified to teach at the **Junior/Intermediate level (grades 6 to 10)**. They may also choose to add **Primary/Junior or Senior** qualifications.

Courses in the Major

16th-Century French Literature
17th-Century French Literature
18th-Century French Literature
19th-Century French Literature
20th-Century French Literature
20th-Century French Theatre
21st-Century French Literature
Advanced Language 4B
Advanced Spoken French
Advanced Translation
African and Caribbean French Literature
Aspects of French Canada
Basic French
Business French
Children's Literature in French
Contemporary French-Canadian Novel
Francophone Literature and Psychoanalytic Theory
French Civilization, 20th-Century French History
French Culture and Literature: 1715 to
French Culture and Literature: Origins to 1715
French Language
French Thought
French Women Writers
French-Canadian Literature
Independent Cultural Study
Intermediate Spoken French
Introduction to Linguistics
Introduction to Literary Theory
Introduction to the Phonetics of French
Introduction to Translation
Major Works 1 – France and la francophonie
Major Works 2 – French Canada
Medieval French Language
Medieval French Literature
Modern French Theatre
Senior Tutorials
Study of Individual Authors
The History of French-English Bilingualism
the Present
Topics in French Cultural Studies
Topics in Linguistics

Third Year French Immersion Program – Unique Feature

As part of the degree in French, most students take advantage of one of our special third-year immersion programs at the Université de Nantes (France) or the Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (Québec). In the Nantes program, students spend 9 months studying with Université de Nantes professors. At the Université du Québec à Chicoutimi, students choose courses from the regular course offerings and work closely with Chicoutimi professors. The cost of studying in Nantes and in Chicoutimi is roughly similar to the cost of spending a year on campus at Waterloo. Students may also choose to spend one or two terms at the Université de Paris through the MICEFA program, or they may arrange for study at another French language university. In the Paris program, students choose their courses from offerings at 14 campuses located throughout Paris.

French Language Residence – La Bastille

In collaboration with the Department of French Studies, St. Paul's University College, one of our Arts-related University Colleges, offers a limited number of places in a French Language Residence. Students interested in applying to live at *La Bastille* should contact the St. Paul's directly.

http://stpauls.uwaterloo.ca/residence/become_resident/french.html

Co-operative Programs in Arts

Honours French students may pursue co-operative education through:

Arts and Business Co-op is a direct entry program through which students complete their honours major and core Arts and Business courses in areas such as accounting, computing, languages, Canadian history, political science, critical thinking, and economics. Five paid work terms alternate with academic terms on a four month-rotation. All students spend eight months on campus during their first year.

There are four optional specializations available for Arts and Business Co-op students:

- Digital Arts Communication
- Global Engagement
- Human Resources Management
- International Trade

Careers

Here is a small sample of positions held by graduates who majored in French Studies:

- Assistant Crown Attorney, *Regional Municipality of Peel*
- Associate Professor, *Dalhousie University*
- Computer Consultant, *Magi Data Consulting*
- Director of International Sales, *Delrina Technology Inc.*
- Immigration Officer, *HR Development, Canada*
- Insolvency Administrator, *Collins-Barrow Ltd.*
- Librarian, *Oxford County Board of Education*
- Manager, Sales and Service, *Enroute Card*
- Marketing Co-ordinator, *Financial Post*
- Member of Legislative Assembly, *Government of Manitoba*
- Novelist and Professor, *Université du Québec à Montréal*
- Policy Planning Staff, *Foreign Affairs*
- Research Assistant, *Bureau of Measurement*
- Reservation Sales Agent, *Air New Zealand*
- Sales Strategy Assistant, *Canon Canada Inc.*
- Scheduling Officer, *TV Ontario*
- Senior Property Assessor, *Ministry of Revenue*
- Senior Translator, *Confederation Life*
- Social Worker, *Toronto East General Hospital*
- Teacher, *Waterloo Board of Education*
- Technical Writer, *Marcam Canada*
- Translator, *Manulife Financial*

For more information about French Studies, please visit:

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