

French

DEGREE (MINOR), EXTENDED MINOR, CERTIFICATE, AND CONTINUING STUDIES

Why take French?

French is spoken by millions of people in many countries around the world, and is one of the official languages of Canada. Traditionally, it has been the language of diplomacy. Because nearly one-third of Canadian citizens are francophone, studying French can provide a better awareness of who we are as a nation. It is also valuable if you're thinking of a career in government or public service as it's part of the federal government's language policy. French is also a useful tool for your personal travel and enrichment. In commerce, too, the demand is high for employees who are fluent in French. We believe that learning this language is a rewarding experience that will only be of benefit to you either at work or play.

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WHY STUDY FRENCH AT UFV?

We believe that learning French is the key to understanding French-speaking people and their fascinating culture. The goal of the language program at UFV is to develop communication. We place considerable emphasis on actually teaching you how to speak the language. If you can demonstrate sufficient proficiency in a language you may receive advanced credit and placement. Our language classes include tutorials in oral communication, which are guided by a native speaker.

Our class sizes are small, ensuring you get plenty of one-on-one attention and we also have one of the finest multimedia language labs in the province. The lab is equipped with the latest in digital audio systems and computer-aided language-learning software.



*“A different language
is a different vision of life.”*

— FEDERICO FELLINI,
Italian film director.

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“UFV has certainly opened up a lot of possibilities for me. The instructors knew my goal was to be bilingual and while I had lots of opportunity to practice speaking the language, it’s because of UFV’s instructors that my written French is catching up with my spoken French.”

— STEPHEN NATRASS, BSc. Biology Major, French Minor.

WHAT TYPE OF CAREER CAN I EXPECT?

If you are completing a minor in French in addition to a major in another program you may be eligible for entrance into teacher training programs, including UFV’s new Teacher Education program. You may be eligible for jobs in the federal civil service in positions that require knowledge of both official languages, and in numerous other fields, including the tourism and hospitality industries.

WHAT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO ME?

We offer several programs, including an Intermediate Proficiency certificate, an Advanced Proficiency certificate, a French minor, and an Extended French minor to combine with your degree studies.

INTERMEDIATE PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATE

The Intermediate Proficiency certificate consists of successful completion of 12 UFV credits in French: 101, 102, plus two second-year courses, with a minimum 2.33 GPA. At least 25 per cent of the courses must be completed at UFV. If you already have the 101/102 component, i.e. Grade 12 level, you can have the first-year requirement waived. Courses you will take include:

- FREN 101, 102, 219, and any one of 215, 216, 225, 230, with a minimum GPA of 2.33

ADVANCED PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATE

If you are taking the Advanced Proficiency certificate, you will need to complete the requirements for the intermediate certificate in French, and take:

- Any two of FREN 315, 319, 325, 330, or 345 with a minimum GPA of 2.33

FRENCH MINOR

The Modern Languages Institute offers a minor in French. To complete this minor you will be expected to have advanced proficiency in both oral and written French. At the lower level, considerable emphasis is placed on teaching you how to speak French correctly, while introducing you to basic second-language writing skills as well as the wealth of cultures within the francophone world.

At the upper level, the ability to think critically and write correctly and convincingly is emphasized, whilst oral competency is developed further.

FRENCH EXTENDED MINOR

In addition to the French minor, a second option for completing your BA is the extended minor which offers greater choice in academic specialization. If you are interested in teaching as a career, a higher credential in French offers a teachable specialty that is very much in demand. The extended minor in French involves two more second-year courses than the minor in French.

WHAT DO I NEED TO GET IN?

We have two options for program requirements. Follow option one if you are entering from high school; follow option two if you have attended some post-secondary classes. Because of varying achievement levels, we may ask you to take a placement test to determine the French course in which you will have the best chance of success.

OPTION ONE:

You will need your B.C. Secondary school graduation or equivalent, a minimum of B in English 12, and a minimum of a B average on two other provincially examined Grade 12 subjects.

OPTION TWO:

We require one of the following:

- Completion of a minimum of 30 arts/science university-level credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.33 on all credits attempted.
- Completion of a minimum of nine arts/science university-level credits with a GPA of 3.0 or better on all university-level credits attempted.
- A B.C. Associate of Arts degree or UFV diploma in Liberal Arts, Visual Arts or Theatre. Students must achieve an average overall grade of C (cumulative GPA of 2.0) calculated on all courses that could apply towards the diploma or Associate degree.

FRENCH MINOR REQUIREMENTS

If you are entering UFV with no previous knowledge of French:

- French 100

If you have up to French 11:

- French 101
- French 102

If you have French 12 or UFV's FREN 102, in addition to the general requirements for the Bachelor of Arts, if you are declaring a minor in French you will be required to complete the following:

Lower-level requirements (12 credits)

- FREN 215 or FREN 230
- FREN 216
- FREN 219
- FREN 225

Upper-level requirements (20 credits)

- FREN 315
- FREN 319
- FREN 325
- FREN 330
- FREN 345

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- FREN 215 or FREN 230
- FREN 216
- FREN 219
- FREN 225
- FREN 242
- FREN 245

Upper-level requirements (20 credits)

- FREN 315
- FREN 319
- FREN 325
- FREN 330
- FREN 345

EXTENDED STUDIES CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

UFV's extended studies certificate is designed for students who have baccalaureate degrees who wish to complete the equivalent of a minor in French. For details about entrance requirements and program requirements, please contact the department at 604-557-4035 or email molainfo@ufv.ca

COURSE #	TITLE
FREN 100	Introduction to French
FREN 101	French Language I
FREN 102	French Language II
FREN 215	Intermediate French I
FREN 216	Intermediate French II
FREN 219	Intermediate French Composition
FREN 225	Francophone Language and Culture via Media
FREN 230	Intermediate French for French Immersion Students I
FREN 242	Intermediate French Oral Communication
FREN 245	Cultures of the Francophone World
FREN 315	Introduction to Francophone Literature
FREN 319	Advanced French Composition
FREN 325	Advanced French Conversation
FREN 330	Introductory French Linguistics
FREN 345	French Culture through Film

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Consult the UFV calendar for tuition fees, keeping in mind that new fees are usually set in May. Books and other fees will cost about \$100 per course.

You should also visit the UFV Financial Aid and Awards office, which facilitates the disbursement each year of about \$12 million in federal and provincial student loans, grants, bursaries, scholarships, and awards to UFV students. A helpful budget planning worksheet is available online at www.ufv.ca/fineaid/budget.

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

If you plan to start your studies in the fall, your application should be received by January 31. Applications received after this deadline will be considered if space is still available in the program.

CAN I GET ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE GAINED IN MY LIFE SO FAR?

Yes. UFV offers Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR), a flexible assessment process that evaluates your experiential learning (what you already know and can do) for post-secondary credit. Experiential learning includes independent study, volunteer activities, non-credit courses, workplace learning, and military service. To find out more, check out the PLAR website at www.ufv.ca/plar or contact Susan Brown, Assessment Services Coordinator, PLAR at 604.851.6342 or susan.brown@ufv.ca.

I'M INTERESTED. WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

It's best to check out our online calendar at www.ufv.ca/calendar and read the Modern Languages Institute's section carefully. From our website at www.ufv.ca/mola you can go to the download centre and download the application form. Fill it out and submit it, along with the required documents and the \$45 application fee, to the Admissions and Records office at any UFV campus or centre or through the internet at www.pas.bc.ca.

CAN I SPEAK WITH SOMEONE ABOUT MY OPTIONS?

Absolutely. We want to hear from you! If you're unsure of your direction, contact Student Services at 1-888-504-7441 to connect with an educational advisor, or arrange for career counselling. You can also contact the Modern Languages department directly at 604-557-4035, or check out the website at www.ufv.ca/mola.



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About UFV

Nestled in the beautiful Fraser Valley just east of Vancouver, in B.C., UFV is a fully accredited, public university that enrolls more than 11,000 students each year. UFV has campuses in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Mission and regional centres in Hope and Agassiz, and a growing presence in Chandigarh, India.

UFV is committed to exceptional post-secondary instruction and a nurturing learning environment. We are large enough to offer variety, yet small enough to offer the personal attention that our students need to thrive. Our small class sizes and focus on teaching allow our students to get to know their instructors and learn in a hands-on setting.

We offer more than 80 programs, including 13 bachelor's degrees, a master's degree, and more than a dozen trades and technology programs. We believe that anyone who wants to go to university should be given the chance, so our admission policies are flexible, and we provide university prep courses and high school completion options. There are many options for learning: full-time, in class, online, as part of a structured program or one tailored specifically to your interests.

Many of our programs "ladder" into one another, allowing students to keep their options open. Our international programming makes for a culturally diverse student body and great opportunities to study abroad, while our continuing studies offerings make learning a lifelong experience.

UFV is recognized nationally for student success, an excellent learning environment, creative integration of programming, and our work with our local communities.

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