

Modern Languages

DEGREE, CERTIFICATE, AND CONTINUING STUDIES

Why study a language?

It's a big world out there, but we all know that it seems to be getting smaller every day. Globalization, jet travel, and the internet have made our planet far more accessible to everybody. And as international trade develops, the need for multi-lingual skills increases. The fact is that humanity's future on this planet rests on increased international trade, cooperation, and understanding. Coping successfully with these changes demands a worldview, for which knowledge of languages is indispensable.

WHY STUDY LANGUAGES AT UFV'S MODERN LANGUAGES INSTITUTE?

The goal of the language program at UFV is to develop communication, and we place considerable emphasis on actually teaching you to speak the language. If you can demonstrate sufficient proficiency in a language you may receive advanced credit and placement. UFV delivers a number of language programs, through top-notch and dedicated instructors. Our language classes include tutorials in oral communication, which are guided by a native speaker.

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



“We live in an increasingly multicultural community and interconnected world; language skills are essential to communicating and understanding each other.”

— TERESA ARRÓLIGA-PIPER,
UFV Modern Languages
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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.

FRENCH

French is spoken in 25 countries around the world by almost 200 million people, and is one of the official languages of our country. Almost one-third of Canadian citizens are Francophone, and knowing French provides a better awareness of who we are as a nation. French is valuable and often necessary for careers in the public service, in travel, and in commerce.

UFV currently offers intermediate and advanced proficiency certificates in French, a minor in French, and an extended studies certificate in French. It’s best to contact the Modern Languages department at 604-557-4035 or www.ufv.ca/mola for more information.

Along with a full spectrum of university courses in French, UFV also delivers a large number of culture and literature courses such as:

- Beginners’ French (FREN 100, 101, 102)
- Intermediate French: Language and Literature (FREN 215, 216, 219, or 230 for immersion students)
- Francophone Language and Culture via Media (FREN 225)
- Introduction to Francophone Literature (FREN 315)
- Advanced French Composition (FREN 319)
- Advanced French Conversation (FREN 325)

- Linguistics and French Language Learning for Future Teachers (FREN 330)
- French Culture through Film (FREN 345)

HALQ’EMÉYLEM

Halq’eméylem is the traditional language of the Stó:lō people and is a dialect of the Salishan language category. Halq’eméylem is spoken in the areas of central and upper Fraser Valley, Harrison Lake, and the lower Fraser Canyon. It is known also as Upriver Halq’eméylem and it is closely related to Downriver Halkomelem and Island Halkomelem. Halq’eméylem is an endangered language and many Stó:lō people are doing their best to revive their traditional language and culture to preserve their history and identity. All are welcome to join to explore Stó:lō traditional concepts, worldview, oral narratives, place names, and so much more that can be accurately expressed meaningfully only in Halq’eméylem. UFV offers:

- Beginners’ Halq’eméylem (HALQ 101, 102)
- Intermediate Halq’eméylem (HALQ 201, 202)
- Advanced Halq’eméylem (HALQ 210, 215, 220 and 310)

PUNJABI

In recognition of the importance of Indo-Canadians to the cultural, social, political and economic fabric of B.C., and the Fraser Valley in particular, we have now developed two credit courses in Punjabi. These courses are designed for students who already have some familiarity with spoken Punjabi and who wish to familiarize themselves with Gurmukhi script.

The courses we provide are:

- Beginners’ Punjabi (PUNJ 101, 102)
- Intermediate Punjabi (PUNJ 210, 211)

MANDARIN

In view of the dramatic increase in Canada’s relations with mainland China, in the tourism, culture, computer information, and business fields, the ability to communicate in Mandarin is becoming an important asset for Canadians. UFV provides beginner courses where you can concentrate on written and spoken communication, while also learning to understand Chinese cultural values. Those courses are:

- Beginners’ Mandarin (MAND 101, 102)
- Intermediate Mandarin (MAND 201, 202)
- Advanced Mandarin (MAND 301, 302)

JAPANESE

Japanese is the language of one of the world's greatest economic giants and one of Canada's most important trading partners. It is also one of the fastest growing languages of study in North America. There is no doubt that the special relationship that B.C. has with Japan will require more of our citizens to develop skills in Japanese language and culture in the future.

We recognize this fact and are proud to offer courses in first- and second-year Japanese. By taking these courses, you will learn to understand and speak contemporary Japanese. Considerable time is also devoted to studying the Japanese writing system. UFV offers an intermediate proficiency certificate in Japanese. Contact the Modern Languages department at 604-557-4035 or visit www.ufv.ca/mola for more information. Both first- and second-year Japanese courses include oral, written, and cultural learning components. The courses available are:

- Beginners' Japanese (JAPN 101, 102)
- Intermediate Japanese (JAPN 201, 202)
- Advanced Japanese (JAPN 301, 302)

RUSSIAN

Many changes have occurred in the past few years in what was formerly the USSR. This upheaval has seen a march toward certain freedoms in Russian society that would have formerly seemed unthinkable. Canadians involved in business and tourism are realizing that there is a growing need for people trained in Russian to help gain access to this huge East European market. Now considered the second language of science, Russian has an almost phonetic alphabet and a logical, if complex, structure.

Russian literature is amongst the world's richest and most fascinating to read. Our program also offers you Russian literature in English translation.

UFV currently offers Intermediate and Advanced Proficiency certificates in Russian. Our broad base of Russian university-level courses include studies of the language and culture, and of literature in translation. Lower- and upper-level courses include:

- Beginners' Russian (RUSS 101, 102)
- Intermediate Russian (RUSS 201, 202)
- 19th Century Russian Literature in English (RUSS 251)
- 20th Century Russian Literature in English (RUSS 252)
- Tolstoy and Dostoyevsky in English (RUSS 351)
- Bulgakov, Pasternak, and Solzhenitsyn (RUSS 352)

SPANISH

Spanish is the most widely spoken Romance language, boasting more than 410 million speakers in the world today, and is among the top five languages. Spanish is the official language of Spain and 20 countries in South and Central America. It is also spoken by a great number of people in the United States (28 million; 11 per cent of its population). In fact, the United States is now the fifth largest Spanish-speaking country in the world and by the year 2010, one in every four U.S. citizens will be Hispanic. Spanish is one of the United Nations' five official languages. Within the Western Canadian context, Spanish-speaking people will soon be in greater demand as Canada develops its business contacts with more Pacific Rim countries.

UFV currently offers an intermediate proficiency certificate in Spanish. At UFV we offer courses in Spanish language to support not only these economic and cultural needs, but also our Latin American Studies (LAS) program.

- Beginners' Spanish (SPAN 101, 102)
- Intermediate Spanish (SPAN 201, 202)
- Advanced Spanish (SPAN 301)
- Advanced Spanish (SPAN 302)

CAN I LEARN A LANGUAGE IN MY SPARE TIME?

In addition to academic language certificate studies, UFV offers Continuing Studies classes in American Sign Language, French, German, Japanese, Punjabi, and Spanish, and more. For additional information about these programs contact Mandy Watts at 604-864-4638 or visit www.ufv.ca/cs.

WHAT DO I NEED TO GET IN?

We have two options. Follow option one if you are entering from high school, follow option two if you have attended some post-secondary classes.

OPTION ONE:

You will need your B.C. Secondary school graduation or equivalent and, 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.

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 only if space is available in the program.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

It's best to consult the UFV calendar at www.ufv.ca/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.

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.

WHAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE IS THERE TO HELP ME ADJUST?

Please visit www.ufv.ca/student-services to learn about the broad range of services designed to help you learn about and adjust to the university environment.

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 visit 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.

Get to know us better at www.ufv.ca.

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