

Department of French, Italian and Spanish

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French Studies

Paul Gauguin (1848-1903)
Nave Nave Moe (1894)

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The Benefits of Knowing French

- French is one of Canada's two official languages, so a degree in French is helpful when seeking employment within federal-government agencies in Canada and around the world.
- French is one of the world's major international languages, being an official language of the UN and its organizations, of the European Union, the Red Cross and NATO.
- French is the official language of 33 countries around the world.
- Our graduates have strong oral and written skills, so they can build careers in the Foreign Service, international business, teaching, journalism and media, to name a few.

Why Not Study French at U of C?

- The program offers a new and creative curriculum.
- Courses are taught by an experienced faculty always close by.
- Even as an undergraduate you have the option to undertake faculty-monitored joint research.
- You can use the *Francofonne* (The French Centre located in CHC 301), an informal lounge for drinking coffee, reading material, listening to music and practicing with French-speaking monitors. Here you can chat and interact socially in French.
- You will have many opportunities to study at other institutions in Canada and abroad:
 - taking advantage of the Federal Government's Summer Bursary Program
 - attending Francophone Universities in Canada, in Quebec and other provinces, and transferring credits back to the U of C
 - attending university in France and other Francophone countries, and transferring credits back to the U of C
 - By attending one of the universities the U of C has an agreement with, such as the Université François Rabelais, in Tours, France



The Major in French

As with any Major at the Faculty of Arts you need to complete **40 HCE** (= Half Course Equivalents) to receive your degree. A full-time student normally takes ten half course equivalents a year, five in the Fall semester, and five in the Winter semester. So your degree normally takes four years.

The B.A. in French has 2 components:

- ➔ A minimum of **16 HCE in French***, usually as follows:
 - Year 1: **French 215, 217**
 - Year 2: **French 315, 317, 339, 349 or 369, 359**
 - Year 3: **5 HCE at the 400 level which must include a language course and a course on Francophone Canada**
 - Year 4: **4 HCE at the 500 level.**

- ➔ A minimum of **2 HCE from the Faculty of Science**

It is possible to do a Minor or a Major in another discipline.

* to a maximum of 20

The Minor in French

A Minor in French is a particularly good option if you are specializing in an area related to the Francophone world, such as Canadian Studies or Political Science.

To get a Minor in French you must successfully complete between ten and twelve half-course equivalents in French, including at least 6 HCE at the senior level (300 or above). Be aware that some courses have prerequisites.

Getting Started

Depending on your previous knowledge of French you can enter the French program at different levels

- If you have never studied French ➔ you start at **Fren 209**
- If you have French 10N, French 20 or FLA10 from High School ➔ you start at **Fren 211**
- If you have French 21, French 20N, 20S, 30 or N30 ➔ you start at **Fren 213**
- If you have French 30N, 30S, 31, FLA 30 or equivalent ➔ you start at **Fren 215 or 217**
- If your level is high enough, or if you are unsure of your proficiency, ➔ you should write a **placement test**.

Placement tests, with extensive instructions, are available from our website: <http://fis.ucalgary.ca>

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