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CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day

Come to Berkeley's annual **Open House** in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more. Attend a sample French class and lecture by French faculty, and talk to students who share your enthusiasm for French.

Golden Bear Orientation

Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley **orientation** program for all new students. Ask the **French Academic Advisor** about your first/next step in French.

Events

Attend department events with students, staff, and faculty. Visit french.berkeley.edu for news and updates or email fredept@berkeley.edu and ask to receive department email announcements.

ADVISING

Students can drop-in to 4118 Dwinelle Hall to speak with the French Undergraduate Academic Advisor or email questions to fredept@berkeley.edu. You can also schedule an appointment to meet with the advisor or call (510) 982-6181.

Advising Drop-In Hours

Tuesday - Thursday, 9am-12pm, 1-4pm

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.

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FRENCH

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INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The **French** major opens the door to understanding the language and cultural production of France and the French-speaking world. Majors advance their oral and written competency in French through studies of linguistics, translation, film, and literature. Courses in the French department emphasize the ties between language and the arts on the one hand and history, politics, race, and gender on the other. Students of French bring the insights developed through contact with this famously rich culture to a critical appreciation of their own.

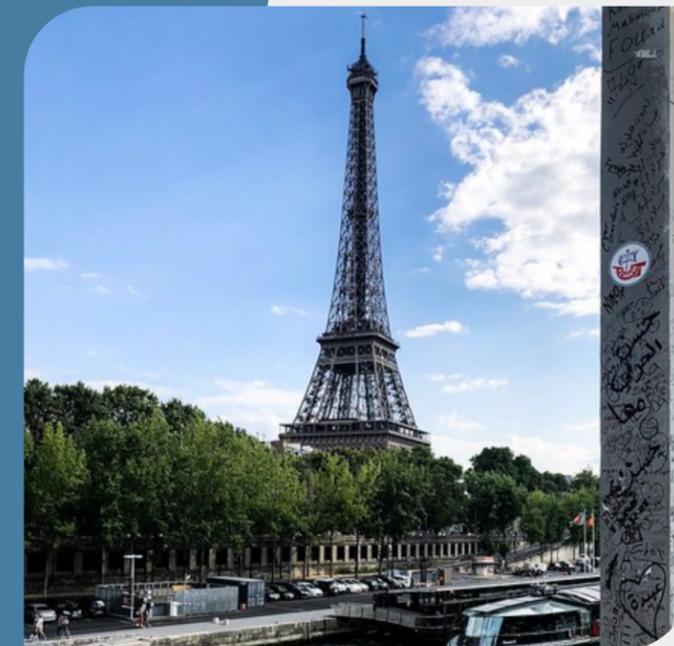


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“ *The analytical and critical thinking skills I acquired studying French have helped me across varied workplaces and different countries.* ”

– Maria Jelvis, French alumna

WHO STUDIES FRENCH

The French major interests students desiring a general humanistic education based on the language and literature of the French-speaking world; students planning to teach French at the elementary or secondary level; students who intend to pursue graduate work in preparation for teaching and research at the college level; and students preparing for careers in such areas as law, business, or government service, which require both training in a major foreign language and/or a general background in a humanistic discipline.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Immerse yourself in French language with **UC Study Abroad** in France and Senegal or **Berkeley Summer Abroad** in Paris.
- Build skills in a **Berkeley Global Internship in Paris**.
- Complement your studies with a secondary field like Linguistics, Global Studies, Political Science, Political Economy, Art History, English, Molecular and Cell Biology, or Media Studies.
- Find out about **France for the Pre-Med**.

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DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR	WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?
Explore your major	<p>Read placement guidelines and enroll in a French language course.</p> <p>Ask about French courses for first-year students.</p> <p>Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.</p> <p>Review major and college requirements.</p>	<p>Complete the lower division prerequisite French language sequence.</p> <p>Enroll in the prerequisite course FRENCH 102: Writing Skills in French and meet with the major advisor to declare the major.</p> <p>Review major guidelines for study abroad.</p>	<p>Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.</p> <p>Focus on upper division requirements.</p> <p>Review study abroad courses that satisfy French major requirements.</p> <p>Ask your major advisor about the French honors program.</p>	<p>Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.</p> <p>Complete any “bucket list” courses.</p> <p>Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.</p> <p>Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.</p>	<p>Jobs and Employers</p> <p>Advancement Assoc., French Intl. Sch. Annual Fund Supervisor, L.A. Opera Comms. Specialist, UN Women Computational Linguist, MITRE Content Manager, Air France Executive Briefing Manager, Oracle Interpreter, Cordon Bleu, Paris Invest. Banking Anlst., Goldman Sachs Lawyer Marketing Specialist Philanthropy Specialist, Mercy Fdn. Physician Planning Assoc., City of Los Angeles Public Health Professional PR Coordinator, Yerba Buena Center Res. Asst., MD Anderson Cancer Ctr. Software Engineer, Amazon, Yelp Teaching Asst., Teaching Asst. Pgm. Fr. Technical Recruiter, Bloomberg Translator & Précis Writer, UN</p> <p>Graduate Programs</p> <p>Business, Masters Art History, PhD French, Masters and/or PhD International Public Mgmt., Masters Law, JD Linguistics, PhD Medicine, MD Public Health, Masters Public Policy, Masters Secondary Educ. & Teaching, Masters</p> <p>Examples gathered from the July 2019 French Department LinkedIn network and the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.</p>
Connect and build community	<p>Get French tutoring through the French department tutoring program.</p> <p>Get 1:1 mentoring from graduate students with L&S Mentors Program.</p> <p>Find conversation exchange groups at the Student Learning Center.</p> <p>Explore the Berkeley Language Center.</p>	<p>Join a French cultural student organization such as Le Cercle Francais of Berkeley.</p> <p>Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.</p> <p>Enroll in FRENCH 197 to become a French tutor.</p> <p>Attend guest lectures in the department.</p>	<p>Volunteer as a student officer in Le Cercle Francais of Berkeley.</p> <p>Represent the French department at Cal Day.</p> <p>Explore the French Studies Program.</p>	<p>Practice your language skills while helping others learn in the SLC Language Exchange Program.</p> <p>Get support for your thesis project in the Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop.</p> <p>Connect with alumni groups such as French Alumni at Berkeley and build your network as you prepare to graduate.</p>	
Discover your passions	<p>Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.</p> <p>Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.</p> <p>Explore the scholarly and leisure reading materials at the Library of French Thought.</p>	<p>Take a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.</p> <p>Assist faculty in their research through URAP.</p> <p>Check out the URAP in European Studies.</p>	<p>Find out about the Mousseau Prize for Undergraduate Work in French.</p> <p>Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.</p> <p>Curious about entrepreneurship? Enroll in HUM120: Entrepreneurship for All.</p>	<p>Teach your own DeCal course.</p> <p>Undertake an optional honors thesis or independent study.</p> <p>Keep pursuing your interests through a fellowship or gap year after graduation.</p>	
Engage locally and globally	<p>Attend the Calpalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.</p> <p>Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.</p> <p>Explore study, internship, and research abroad options in France with Berkeley Study Abroad.</p>	<p>Immerse yourself in French with Berkeley Summer Abroad in Paris.</p> <p>Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.</p> <p>Look into study abroad scholarships and the French department Flight Fund.</p>	<p>Immerse yourself in France and Senegal through UC Study Abroad.</p> <p>Get international work experience with a Berkeley Global Internship in Paris.</p> <p>Find out about France for the Pre-Med.</p> <p>Get research and work experience in France with the Institute for Field Experiences.</p>	<p>Hone your leadership skills with the Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program.</p> <p>Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Peace Corps, Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State.</p> <p>Consider teaching abroad with the Teaching Assistant Program in France.</p>	
Reflect and plan your future	<p>Visit Berkeley Career Engagement and the Career Counseling Library.</p> <p>Develop a plan for getting career ready.</p> <p>Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail.</p> <p>Create or update your resume and LinkedIn profile.</p>	<p>Discuss career options and goals with a Career Educator.</p> <p>Shadow alumni during a winter externship.</p> <p>Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.</p> <p>Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.</p>	<p>Learn about career fields and conduct informational interviews.</p> <p>Ask about French department “Professional Pathways” events.</p> <p>Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.</p> <p>Attend career and graduate school fairs.</p>	<p>Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.</p> <p>Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.</p> <p>Join the French Department LinkedIn network to connect with French alumni.</p>	