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.

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.

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 Adviser 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 frendept@berkeley.edu and ask to receive department email announcements.

ADVISING

Students can drop-in to 4209 Dwinelle Hall to speak with the French Undergraduate Academic Advisor or email questions to frendept@berkeley.edu. You can also schedule an appointment to meet with the advisor.

Advising Drop-In Hours
Monday - Friday 10am-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 vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.
FRENCH
Bachelor of Arts

Explore your major
- Read placement guidelines and enroll in a French language course.
- Ask about French courses for first-year students.
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Review major and college requirements.

Connect and build community
- Get French tutoring through the French department tutoring program.
- Get 1:1 mentoring from graduate students with L&S Mentors Program.
- Find conversation exchange groups at the Student Learning Center.
- Explore the Berkeley Language Center.

Discover your passions
- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
- Explore the scholarly and leisure reading materials at the Library of French Thought.
- Take a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
- Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through URAP and SMART.
- Check out the URAP in European Studies.
- Build your research skills in HUM W101: Research Bootcamp.

Engage locally and globally
- Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
- Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
- Explore study, internship, and research abroad options in France with Berkeley Study Abroad.
- Immerses yourself in French with Berkeley Summer Abroad in Paris.
- Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
- Look into study abroad scholarships and the French department Flight Fund.

Reflect and plan your future
- Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
- Meet with a Career Center Counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
- Shadow alumni during a winter externship.
- Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.

Design Your Journey

First Year
- Complete the lower division prerequisite.
- Enroll in the prerequisite course FRENCH 102: Writing Skills in French and meet with the major advisor to declare the major.
- Review major guidelines for study abroad.

Second Year
- Complete the lower division prerequisite.
- Enroll in the prerequisite course FRENCH 102: Writing Skills in French and meet with the major advisor to declare the major.
- Review major guidelines for study abroad.

Third Year
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Focus on upper division requirements.
- Review study abroad courses that satisfy French major requirements.
- Ask your major advisor about the French honors program.

Fourth Year
- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Complete any "bucket list" courses.
- Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
- Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.

What Can I Do with My Major?

Jobs and Employers
- 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 Analyst, 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

Graduate Programs
- Business, Masters
- Art History, PhD
- French, Masters and/or PhD
- International Political Mgmt., Masters
- Law, JD
- Linguistics, PhD
- Medicine, MD
- Public Health, Masters
- Public Policy, Masters
- Secondary Educ. & Teaching, Masters

Examples gathered from the July 2019 French Department LinkedIn network and the Career Destinations Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

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