



EXPERIENCE MAP

French Studies



FUTURE FULL OF PROMISE.



University of Windsor

FRENCH STUDIES

INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS AND SCIENCE

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Skills and Knowledge of French Studies Graduates

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

French Studies – Mastery of a second language is a huge advantage, especially in the workforce of Canada, a major G7 member and an officially bilingual nation. Our varied and comprehensive course of study includes courses in language training, linguistics, translation, and the literatures and cultures of the French-speaking world. A degree in French Studies can lead to careers in teaching, government, journalism, media, and business, amongst other fields.

Interdisciplinary Arts and Science – If you are a highly motivated student seeking the knowledge and skills which constitute a firm grounding in humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, this elite program is for you. Design your program to match your interests and career aspirations. From here, consider a master's program, professional school (medicine, optometry, dentistry, occupational therapy, naturopathic medicine, law, business administration, pharmacy), or teaching (with additional studies).

FUNCTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

- Understanding human behaviour, communication, and interaction as shaped by social and cultural contexts
- Speaking and writing effectively and persuasively in French
- Reading, comprehending and analyzing primary texts in French; conducting original research
- Appreciating the cultural and linguistic diversity of the French-speaking world
- Understanding the science of language, and appreciating the ways in which language influences expression and communication
- Determining and describing how people, places, and events have influenced modern cultures and human practices
- Understanding significant differences and commonalities between groups, societies, religions, and cultures
- Using this knowledge to identify commonalities and to bridge differences in the workplace and elsewhere

Degree Title / Program	Minimum Average	Admission Requirements
FRENCH STUDIES	70%	ENG. required.



- Courses of study specific to each program
- Activities and experiences that complement coursework (Outstanding Scholars, peer mentoring, VIP)
- Activities falling outside of the scope of set curriculum (Part-time job, clubs, volunteering, athletics)

Build your Skills and Experience

Your UWindsor experience is more than attending classes. It is a combination of academics, co-curricular activities, and extracurricular involvement. By making the most of all three elements of your university experience, you will maximize your opportunities to build your skills, broaden your personal network, and clarify your long term academic and career goals.

Career Planning Guide

Intentional career planning will help you prepare for your next step after graduation. It is a fluid, dynamic, and continuous process, meaning you can move on or return to an earlier stage at any time. You can even work through simultaneous cycles, like one for your long-term dream job and another for a summer job.



Explore Opportunities Using This Guide

Explore a selection of opportunities recommended for students in your program. This chart shows some of your many options – you don't have to do everything on it or limit yourself to it. Engage in opportunities from each of the three categories to set yourself up for success:



Academics

- Your coursework



Experience

- Ways to get involved



Career

- Plan ahead for what's next

HIP High-Impact Practice (HIP)

A HIP is an enriching educational experience that can be life-changing and often includes learning outside of the classroom while encouraging meaningful interaction and collaboration, such as:

- Co-op, internship or field experiences
- Research with faculty
- Culminating senior experience
- Capstone courses
- Service-learning
- Learning communities
- Study abroad

	First Year	Middle Years	Final Year
Academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take required courses including Language Training I and II and Introduction to Literary Studies • Review degree course requirements • Enrol in first-year language training and literature courses; explore course options for the second year and consider what might become your areas of particular interest within French Studies • Meet with an academic advisor such as the program coordinator or a faculty advisor • Receive peer mentorship from upper-year students and Teaching Assistants; become involved in francophone activities on campus and in Windsor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take required courses and consult with your faculty advisor to ensure that you are on the right path • Enquire about completing a research project in your final year HIP • Consider completing a minor or a second teachable to pair with your French Studies major • Seek out courses that offer field experience HIP • Start taking courses required as pre-requisites for graduate/professional school • Consider declaring a minor and/or specialization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with faculty and your academic advisor to go over degree requirements • Complete all required courses for your degree • Apply to graduate through MyUWindsor Portal • Work with a faculty member on a research project or publication HIP
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore volunteer or placement opportunities relevant to your studies in the French language and/or in francophone literatures and cultures • Apply for a co-curricular experience such as VIP HIP • Volunteer with local government or a language training organization • Investigate research opportunities as part of the Outstanding Scholars program HIP • Research student exchange opportunities for middle years, particularly within regions that are primarily French speaking HIP • Join clubs such as the French Club, UWSA, or Classics Club • Participate in the Bystander Initiative workshop to gain skills that will help you be an effective and supportive ally to prevent sexual assault on campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join a professional association in your field such as the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers or Canadian Education Association • Join the Debate Team to compete locally and internationally • Participate in the UWill Discover undergraduate research conference HIP • Attend an education or French culture conference • Apply for student exchange HIP • Expand your skills by taking a summer, part-time or volunteer position • Look for a leadership role in a club or society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work as a teaching assistant HIP • Shadow a second language educator to learn applicable skills • Run for a UWSA executive position • Conduct research with a faculty member HIP • Become a tutor for Students Offering Support (SOS) HIP • Join the UWindsor Model NATO or Model United Nations
Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a list of things that you enjoy, areas in which you excel, and your skills • Meet with a career advisor in Career Development and Experiential Learning (CDEL) for help developing a plan for the years ahead • Consider a career assessment workshop or appointment to help you identify possible career paths • Get involved with a part-time job, volunteer opportunity, campus group, or research assistantship • Attend CDEL workshops to learn how to find a summer or part-time job and write a resumé and cover letter • Drop in to meet with one of CDEL's peer advisors to get answers to your career and job search questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research career fields and occupations with the help of a CDEL career advisor • Explore opportunities and meet employers through job fairs and employer networking events • Explore further educational opportunities by attending the Graduate and Professional Schools Fair and researching admission requirements for programs you are interested in • Attend CDEL's Using Social Media to Leverage Your Career workshop • Create a LinkedIn profile and have it critiqued • Take part in informational interviews and use resources like LinkedIn and Ten Thousand Coffees to meet people in your targeted profession • Search job postings to learn what skills, knowledge, and credentials you will need for potential careers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are considering applying to graduate or professional school, be aware of early application deadlines • Meet with CDEL to prepare application documents like a resumé, cover letter, CV, or personal statement for jobs and education programs you are applying to • Attend an Interview Skills Workshop and Job Search Tips Workshop • Use InterviewStream to practice your interview skills online • Set up an in-person mock interview with a career advisor for professional school or job applications • Meet employers at the annual job fair in January • Compile a portfolio of relevant academic and work experience

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Life After Graduation

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Number of French Studies Graduates (2017)

90.2%

Employment rate of graduates 2 years following degree completion (OUGS Humanities, 2014)



"In addition to strengthening my proficiency in French and preparing me for a teaching career in French as a first language, my undergraduate studies at the University of Windsor developed my critical and analytical skills, helped me gain an appreciation for international francophone culture and literature, and fostered an openness to the world. Classes led in an intimate setting by personable and knowledgeable faculty made my experience unforgettable, nurturing in me a desire to remain a lifelong learner."

Ashley Campagna (née Boutros) - BAH in French Studies with Minor in Psychology [2010]



COMMON INDUSTRIES FOR FRENCH STUDIES GRADUATES

- **Arts and culture**
- **Business:** research and analysis, human resources
- **Education:** teaching, language teaching
- **Government:** multilingual positions
- **Immigration and community integration**
- **Law and law enforcement**
- **Media, marketing, journalism, and publishing**
- **Research agencies:** public and private

CAREER TRACKS*

Administrative assistant
Archivist
Border services officer
Business advisor
Communications specialist
Curator
Editor

Historical consultant
Human resources manager
Immigration services
Industry instructor
Journalist
Language advisor
Lawyer

Librarian
Marketing manager
Media analyst
Museum director
Professor
Public official
Public policy advisor

Public relations officer
Reporter
Research co-ordinator
Speech pathologist
Teacher
Television/Radio analyst
Translator

* Additional education and/or training required for some of the above careers.

CAREER-READINESS COMPETENCIES



Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Using strategic and creative thinking to make decisions and evaluate solutions



Teamwork and Collaboration

Working as a productive member of a group and collaborating with others to achieve set goals



Professionalism and Work Ethic

Demonstrating personal management practices and a high level of integrity and ethical behaviour



Communication

Appropriate and effective articulation of ideas and information to a range of audiences



Campus Resources

- Research scholarships and bursaries through the **Student Awards and Financial Aid Office**
- Visit **Leddy Library** and the **Writing Support Desk** for help with academic assignments
- Explore mentorship opportunities through the **Connecting4Success (C4S)** and **Bounce Back** programs
- Improve study skills through the **Skills to Enhance Personal Success (STEPS)** program
- Get advice and support about your academic status by making an appointment with **Academic Advising**
- Seek out assistance with academic accommodation from **Student Accessibility Services**
- Discover ways to get involved on campus through the **Student Success and Leadership Centre**
- Look into the **Ignite: Work Study** program for on-campus employment opportunities
- Apply to **VIP** to get involved in a community service learning experience
- Get assistance developing your career plan and job search skills from **Career Development and Experiential Learning**
- Consult with the **EPICentre** if you are interested in starting your own business
- Broaden your cultural awareness through the **International Student Centre** and **Student Exchange Office**
- Find support for Indigenous learners and broaden your understanding of Indigenous culture by visiting **Turtle Island**
- Tend to your health and wellness with support from **Student Health Services** and **Lancer Recreation**
- Receive confidential mental health counselling delivered by trained professionals at the **Student Counselling Centre**
- Seek personal support or learn more about sexual violence education through the **Sexual Misconduct Response and Prevention Office**

Student Recruitment

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