

French Studies

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FRENCH STUDIES

INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS AND SCIENCE

FRENCH (BA)/CONCURRENT EDUCATION (BEd)



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**French Studies
Experience Map**



**University
of Windsor**

Highlights and Skills

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

French Studies **G****H****C** Get a leg up on the competition for careers in the federal or provincial civil service, among other jobs, by mastering this official language. Our faculty comes from around the world, infusing the program with an international flavour. We keep class sizes small, guaranteeing you lots of one-on-one attention.

MIN AVG.* 70% **ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS** ENG4U required and any Grade 12U French.

French (BA) G/Concurrent Education (BEd) Complete two degrees at the same time. You'll learn from French professors from around the world in a program with small class sizes. The theory-practice connection is strong in the education portion of your program. You'll gain the practical experience you need to be eligible to teach in grades 7 to 12.

MIN AVG.* 75% **ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS** ENG4U required. Grade 12U French with a minimum 75% also required. Admission to first year only.

Interdisciplinary Arts and Science H If high achievement and diverse academic pursuits are in your DNA, this elite program is for you. It's for students who want to develop knowledge and skills in the sciences, arts, humanities and social sciences. Blend your interests, for example French Studies with Biomedical Sciences. You can tailor your program to match your interests and career aspirations. Our students go on to do research or graduate degrees in their field. This program is small by design to give your talents the attention they deserve.

MIN. AVG.* 80% **ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS** ENG4U, MHF4U, and two from SBI4U, SCH4U, or SPH4U. MCV4U is strongly recommended.




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

G General – 3-year program **H** Honours – 4-year program **C** Combined Honours programs available * Minimum grade point average for admission to program. A higher average may be required.

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.

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

Career Planning Cycle

Intentional career planning will help you prepare for your next step after graduation and beyond. It is a fluid, dynamic, and lifelong process. You can move on or return to an earlier stage in the cycle at any time.



Explore Opportunities Using This Chart

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.

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

Academics



Your Coursework



First Year

- Take required courses including French 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

Middle Years

- 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 
- Consider completing a minor or a second teachable to pair with your French Studies major
- Seek out courses that offer field experience 
- Start taking courses required as pre-requisites for graduate/professional school
- Consider declaring a minor and/or specialization



Final Year

- Meet with faculty and your academic advisor to go over degree requirements
- Complete all required courses for your degree
- Apply to graduate through **UWinsite Student Portal**
- Work with a faculty member on a research project or publication 

Experience

Ways To Get Involved



- Explore volunteer or placement opportunities relevant to your studies in the French language and/or in francophone literatures and cultures
- Volunteer with local government or a language training organization
- Investigate research opportunities as part of the **Outstanding Scholars** program 
- Research student exchange opportunities for middle years, particularly within regions that are primarily French speaking 
- Join clubs such as the **French Club** or **UWSA**
- 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

- Join a professional association in your field such as the **Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers** or **Canadian Education Association**
- Participate in the **UWill Discover** undergraduate research conference 
- Attend an education or French culture conference
- Apply for student exchange 
- Expand your skills by taking a summer, part-time or volunteer position
- Look for a leadership role in a club or society
- Consider applying for a co-curricular experience such as **VIP - Community Service Learning**

- Work as a teaching assistant 
- Shadow a second language educator to learn applicable skills
- Run for a **UWSA** executive position
- Conduct research with a faculty member 
- Become a tutor for **Students Offering Support (SOS)** 
- Join the **UWindsor Model NATO** or **Model United Nations**

Career

Plan Ahead For What's Next



- Start by making a list of things you enjoy and areas in which you excel
- Meet with a career advisor in **Career Development and Experiential Learning (CDEL)** for help developing a plan for your future years
- Consider a **Career Exploration Program** 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 university-level resumé
- Chat with an advisor during **CDEL's Drop In** hours to get answers to your career and job search questions

- Research career fields and occupations with the help of a **CDEL** career advisor
- Explore opportunities and meet potential employers by participating in **Job Shadow Experience**, job fairs, and industry networking events
- Explore further educational opportunities by attending the **Graduate and Professional Schools Fair** and researching admission requirements for programs that interest you
- Create a **LinkedIn** profile and have it critiqued by **CDEL**
- Take part in informational interviews and join online communities like **LinkedIn** and **Ten Thousand Coffees** to connect with people in your targeted profession or industry
- Search job postings to learn what skills, knowledge, and credentials you will need for potential careers

- 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 **CDEL's** workshops on interview skills and job search strategies
- Set up a mock interview with a career advisor for professional school or job applications
- Take part in recruitment events and job fairs hosted by **CDEL** and other organizations
- Compile a portfolio of relevant academic and work experience
- Explore professional development opportunities through **Continuing Education**

Life After Graduation



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

20 Number of Graduates

(2020)

93% Employment Rate of Graduates

Employment rate of graduates 2 years following degree completion (OUGS Humanities, 2019)

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.*



Common Sectors For 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-Readiness Competencies



Critical Thinking & Problem Solving



Professionalism & Work Ethic



Teamwork & Collaboration



Communication





Campus Resources

- Research undergraduate scholarships and bursaries through the **Student Awards and Financial Aid Office**
- Visit **Leddy Library** and the **Writing Support Desk** for help with academic assignments
- Check out the **Bounce Back** program designed to improve academic performance as well as decrease feelings of stress and anxiety through both effective learning strategies and life skills acquisition
- Build leadership skills and find leadership opportunities at the **Leadership Hub**
- Get advice and support about your academic status by making an appointment with **Central 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**
- Broaden your cultural awareness through the **International Student Centre** and **Student Exchange Office**
- Look into the **Ignite: Work Study** program for on-campus employment
- Get assistance developing your career plan and job search skills from **Career Development and Experiential Learning**
- Develop your entrepreneurial skills and learn how to start your own business at **EPICentre**
- Find support for Indigenous learners and broaden your understanding of Indigenous culture by visiting the **Aboriginal Education Centre - Turtle Island**
- Tend to your health and wellness with support from **Student Health Services**, the **Wellness Outreach Office** and **Lancer Recreation**
- Receive confidential mental health counselling delivered by trained professionals at the **Student Counselling Centre**
- **Prevent.Resist.Support.** Seek personal support or learn more about sexual violence prevention and resistance education through the **Office of Sexual Violence Prevention, Resistance & Support**
- Explore professional development opportunities through **Continuing Education**



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