

French

BA (Hons) [NFQ Level 8]



CAO Code

DN500

Joint Hons
Full time

DN501

Joint Hons
Part time

CAO Points Range 2013 335 — 575

Length of Course BA Hons (3 Years)

BA Intl (4 Years, including one year of study abroad)

Average Intake 125

Entry Requirements

English • Irish • A third language • Three other recognised subjects

Leaving Certificate

Passes in six subjects including those shown above, of which two must be minimum HC3

A-Level/GCSE 2013

ACC (A-Level) or equivalent

Passes (GCSE Grade C or above) in six recognised subjects including those above, of which two must be minimum Grade C or above at A-Level

Irish Language Exemption applies, see p175

Other EU Applicants

See www.ucd.ie/myucd/eu

Non-EU Applicants

See www.ucd.ie/myucd/noneu

Level 5/6 FETAC Entry Routes — Yes, see www.ucd.ie/myucd/fetac

Level 6/7 Progression Routes — None

Mature Entry Route — Yes, see p178

Special Entry

Recommendation

We recommend that you study French only if you have at least a HC3 grade in Leaving Certificate French, or equivalent.

Choosing French

French can be taken as part of a BA Joint Honours degree, either full time (DN500) or part time (DN501). Opportunities exist for suitably qualified students to spend an extra year abroad and graduate with a BA (International). If you wish to reach the level of linguistic proficiency required by employers, we recommend that you opt for the four-year BA (International) degree. Alternatively, if you wish to study more than one language, with a year abroad, consider DN541 International Languages (see page 48). Review the other subjects you can study with French by looking at the diagram on page 33. Details of how to apply for these combinations, as part of DN500, are on page 185.

Why is this subject for me?

In studying French at UCD, you will: develop your communication skills and critical thinking by exploring the language and cultures of France and other French-speaking countries; broaden your understanding and command of a language that is both European and global; and equip yourself for today's increasingly diverse society and workplace by enhancing your cultural awareness and intellectual flexibility.

What will I study?

You will study the French language and French and francophone literature and culture, developing your linguistic and critical skills across a three-year or four-year degree.

First Year

Foundations in Language and Literature:

French Language I & II • Reading French I & II



Second Year

Expanding Linguistic and Critical Skills:

French Language I & II • 19th Century Literature I & II • Option modules

Third Year

Deepening Linguistic and Cultural Awareness:

French Language I & II • Option modules

Sample option modules:

Love & Laughter in the Middle Ages • The Making of French Identity • Versailles • Introduction to Enlightenment • American Writing in French • Sociolinguistics

French is taught in lectures, classes and through independent study.

Assessment is by continuous assessment, in-class tests, mid-semester written assignments, project work and end-of-semester exams.

Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

The communication skills, critical awareness, cultural sensitivity and intellectual flexibility fostered by the study of French open up a wide range of careers, including:

International business • International relations • Public administration • Education • Translation and interpreting • Journalism and media • Tourism • Careers in the EU

A BA in French may also lead to further study, such as the UCD MA in Modern Languages, or other programmes such as European studies, international relations or translation.

International Study Opportunities

Students of the Joint Honours degree, DN500, are encouraged to apply to spend an additional year abroad at one of our 13 partner universities across France, Belgium, Switzerland and Canada, graduating with a four-year BA (International). Places may be limited and preference will be given to those with better results.

Germaine Fagan
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Studying French at UCD has been a truly rewarding experience. I always looked forward to classes as I knew I was going to learn something new. The lecturers and tutors are very friendly and are more than willing to help with any questions you might have. I thoroughly enjoyed my Erasmus year in Lyon, which helped me gain fluency in the language while making lifelong friends of different nationalities.

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