French and an Asian or African Language BA /

The French components of this four-year programme are taught and taken at UCL, and the Asian or African language components at SOAS University of London (the School of Oriental and African Studies), our near neighbour. There is a strong emphasis on spoken and written language work and the opportunity to undertake interdisciplinary study.

**Key information**

**Programme starts**
September 2018

**Location**
London, Bloomsbury

**Degree benefits**

// This degree has a strong focus on spoken and written language work. Oral presentations, comprehension work and translation exercises will be features of your learning. Native speakers of French form an integral part of our teaching team.

// We place a strong emphasis on film and literature studies, with resources including a notable French section in the UCL Library. We offer courses covering all periods of French and francophone literature and thought.

// You will have access to the facilities of the UCL Centre for Languages & International Education. The French Society organises cultural and social events including theatre visits, drama productions and trips to France.

// You will have access to the SOAS Library collections and resources.

**Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014**

The Research Excellence Framework, or REF, is the system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. The 2014 REF was carried out by the UK’s higher education funding bodies, and the results used to allocate research funding from 2015/16.

// 74% rated 4* ('world-leading') or 3* ('internationally excellent')

Learn more about the scope of UCL’s research, and browse case studies, on our Research Impact website.

**Degree structure**

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 0.5 or 1.0 credits, adding up to a total of 4.0 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 1.0 credit is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

The structure of the programme allows you to study core modules in French language (written and oral), literature, culture, history, politics and society. You will have some flexibility throughout your degree to focus on areas you find particularly interesting. These opportunities increase as you progress.

You may also take modules offered by the School of European Languages, Culture & Society (SELCs), allowing you to study literature, film, art and culture from outside your subject area(s). This will enable you to focus on broad cultural movements, issues and approaches from an interdisciplinary perspective, drawing on the full range of specialisms within the school.

Your African or Asian language will be taught by the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS).

You will spend half of your third year in France or a French-speaking part of the world (for example, Québec or Martinique). You can choose whether to spend the term as a language assistant in a French school, as a student at a French-speaking university, or to undertake a work placement abroad.

You will spend the other half of the year in a country where the other language studied is spoken.

**YEAR ONE**

Core or compulsory module(s)

// French Oral (compulsory unless Francophone or studying Arabic at SOAS)
Reading French Texts
SOAS Language Study 1
Use of French

Optional modules

// Unless you are a student taking Arabic at SOAS, you will select further credits from interdepartmental modules offered by the School of European Languages, Culture & Society. Options may include the study of linguistics, film and history.

**YEAR TWO**

Core or compulsory module(s)

// French Oral (compulsory unless Francophone)
SOAS Language Study 2
Use of French

Optional modules

// You will select further modules from a wide range of options. These may include:
Contesting Frenchness: Francophone Literature
Enlightenment and Revolution: The 18th Century
Exploration of Self and Form: the Contemporary Period
France: Culture and Society
French Film History
19th Century Literature
The Classical Age: 17th Century Literature
The Medieval Period
The Renaissance Period
ELCS Intermediate Level modules
YEAR THREE

Year abroad key information

- You will select destination preferences for each language you are studying. Allocations are made according to preference, number of spaces available at each university and demand for these spaces, with the final decider being your average year one mark achieved on SELCS modules. Students allocated to destinations within the EU are eligible for the Erasmus+ Mobility Grant. While students are advised by their host universities on how to apply for accommodation, UCL also puts students in contact with returning students to get tips on living arrangements or to take over their accommodation if it is available. Students must study in the target language.

Year abroad: further details

- Students can take their Year Abroad in France or French speaking Canada. For more information on the Year Abroad including a list of available destinations please visit the SELCS year abroad website.
- Note: Students can take work placements provided it is arranged and approved by the end of April in the preceding academic year. Students may also apply for a British Council Language Assistantship.
- Please be aware that these are subject to change.
- Visit UCL Study Abroad for further details.

FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

- French Oral
- SOAS Language Study 3
- Use of French

Optional modules

- You will select further credits from a wide range of optional modules. Options may include:
  - Advanced French Politics
  - Cultures of AIDS in France: History, Policy and Representation
  - Desire for Community: Literature as Anthropology
  - Fictions of Grief
  - Forms of Feeling in 17th Century France
  - Gender, Race and Sexuality
  - Introduction to Post-Structuralism
  - Jean-Luc Godard
  - Jean-Paul Sartre
  - Medieval French Literature
  - Old Worlds, New Worlds, Humanism and Travel Writing
  - Reading Tintin
  - Representations of the Algerian War
  - Screen Cities: Representing the Margins of Paris 1830-2005
  - Swiss Cinema
  - ELCS Advanced Level modules

Your learning

Throughout the degree your teaching will be conducted mainly through small seminar groups, together with some lectures. Seminars are characterised by a ‘hands-on’ textual and analytical approach, whereas lectures are used for discussing general intellectual contexts.

Assessment

Most modules are examined either by end-of-year examination papers or by assessed essay work completed during the year. You will also undertake oral examinations in French and in your African or Asian language.

Your career

In addition to linguistic and cultural understanding, this programme aims to develop skills in critical reasoning, independent thinking and application of theoretical concepts. You will learn how to conduct research and to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Graduates of the department have entered a wide range of professions including finance, commerce, journalism, education, the media, public relations, and translation and interpreting.

First career destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) of this programme include:

- Operation Co-ordinator, International News Media Association (INMA)
- Full-time student, Graduate Diploma in Law at the BPP Law School
- MA in Conflict Resolution in Divided Societies, King’s College London
- MSc in Translation Studies, The University of Edinburgh
- Civil Servant (Fast Track), Department of International Development

Your application

Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

We aim to ascertain the depth and extent of your intellectual interest in French culture. Evidence of this may include reading in French beyond the examination syllabus (in particular of literary works) and experience watching French-language films. We may also employ other selection methods. If this is the case we will inform you about them in advance.

If your application demonstrates that you are suitable and you receive an offer, then we will invite you to a post-offer open day where you can experience the sort of teaching we offer and life in SELCS.
Entry requirements

**A LEVELS**
Grades
AAB

Subjects
French required.

**GCSE**
English Language at grade B or 6, plus Mathematics at grade C or 5. For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

**IB DIPLOMA**
Points
36 overall.

Subjects
A total of 17 points in three higher level subjects including French grade 6, with no score lower than 5.

**OTHER QUALIFICATIONS**
UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

**UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES (International foundation courses)**
The Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

TUITION FEES
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2018/19 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2018/19 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2018/19)
// Overseas: £19,390 (2018/19)

Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL Students website.

FUNDING
Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

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EU referendum
For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s decision to leave the EU, please refer to: www.ucl.ac.uk/eu-referendum

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