



Minor subjects in School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies

FRENCH

1. Why study French as a Minor?

French is a major world language, with a rich cultural and intellectual heritage. Knowledge of the French language and its literature opens up a world of opportunities to those who study them. French is an official working language of many international organisations (UN, OECD, NATO, etc.) and as such plays a decisive role in world affairs. French studies also develop highly sought-after transferrable skills – excellent writing and oral communication abilities, critical thinking, extensive analytical skills – across a range of sectors (the creative industries, public service, tourism, publishing, interpreting, teaching, journalism, broadcasting, the Diplomatic Service, to name but a few). Not only is the study of French language, literature, history, politics and philosophy a hugely enriching intellectual experience, but it also leaves graduates very well placed to succeed in a wide range of professional contexts.

2. Entry requirements and available language levels

In order to be eligible to take up French as a minor you will need to have achieved a H4 in Leaving Cert French (or equivalent). Please note that the French department does not offer French for beginners.

3. Minor in French – what you'll study

In SF year you'll study the following modules (all 5 ECTS credits) as a student of Minor French:

Code	Title	Assessment	Semester
FRU11001	Written Language MT	Continuous + Exam	1 (MT)
FRU11002	Written Language HT	Continuous + Exam	2 (HT)
FRU11021	French and Francophone Cultures (MT)	Continuous	1 (MT)
FRU11022	French and Francophone Cultures (MT)	Continuous	2 (HT)

If you choose to continue with French in JS year and graduate with a Major with a Minor degree, you'll study:

Code	Title	Assessment	Semester
FRU22001	Oral and Written Language MT	Continuous + Exam	1 (MT)
FRU22002	Oral and Written Language HT	Continuous + Exam	2 (HT)

Plus two of the following literature/history/linguistics modules, one from each term:

Code	Title	Assessment	Semester
FRU22011	Early Modern French Literature	Continuous	1 (MT)
FRU22041	Political Thought (Early Modern)	Continuous	1 (MT)
FRU22051	Linguistics 1 (Varieties)	Continuous	1 (MT)
FRU22022	Modern French Literature	Continuous	2 (HT)
FRU22032	Political Thought (Modern)	Continuous	2 (HT)
FRU22062	Linguistics 2 (French as First Language)	Continuous	2 (HT)

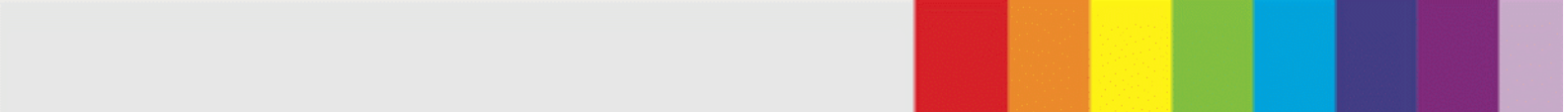
If you wish to continue French but want to graduate with a Single Honors degree in JS year you'll study the following language modules (both 5 credits):

Code	Title	Assessment	Semester
FRU22001	Oral and Written Language MT	Continuous + Exam	1 (MT)
FRU22002	Oral and Written Language HT	Continuous + Exam	2 (HT)

If you choose to move from a Single Honors pathway in JS so that you can graduate with a Major with a Minor degree, you'll study 20 ECTS of French modules in SS. Consult a member of staff in the French department for further details. If you choose to remain on the Single Honors pathway then you will not study French in SS.

4. Your Time Abroad

A semester studying abroad is a highlight of a student's Trinity experience. Immersing yourself in the language and culture of a French-speaking country is one of the most valuable ways of achieving fluency when you are studying French. Minor subject students, who choose Major with Minor exit award pathway, will have an opportunity to spend a semester abroad in Hilary term of their Junior Sophister year*. At a minimum, you will be



required to spend two months in a French-speaking country prior to taking your final exams. We currently have exchange agreements with a range of universities in France and Switzerland, including, Paris III-Sorbonne nouvelle; Université Lyon-Lumière; Université Bordeaux-Montaigne; Université d'Orléans. Places are competitive and will be attributed on the basis of your results.

** Study abroad opportunities depend on availability of modules in your major and minor subjects at the host university and availability of places.*

5. Graduate skills

Language graduates in general have excellent written and oral communication skills. Graduates of French, in particular, acquire highly developed skills in textual analysis and critical thinking and are sought after by employers across a range of industries, from the creative sector to the public service. Trinity French graduates have worked or are currently working for Google, eBay, Christian Louboutin, Mulberry, The Abbey Theatre, Amazon, Apple, the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the European Parliament... Recent graduates in French have gone on to work in areas as diverse as arts administration, translation and interpreting, diplomacy, tourism, publishing, teaching, civil service, and investment banking. Increasing numbers of graduates go on to take further postgraduate courses in areas such as law, marketing and business for which a degree in arts and humanities provides an ideal and necessary background. The combination of an arts degree and a more vocational or professional programme of studies has proven to be highly attractive to prospective employers who want their employees to have high-level critical skills and to be culturally aware.

6. Student testimonials

“Studying French at Trinity has been invaluable to my personal and professional development. With the support and guidance from excellent lecturers within the Department, I studied French language, culture, linguistics and literature. Studying French allowed me to work in Paris for the summer months and study on Erasmus in Lille for the first semester of my Junior Sophister year. Studying on such a vibrant campus has enabled me to work as a Collections Analyst with French for a large multinational company, liaising and building strong relationships with French-speaking clients on a daily basis.”

Gary Hartigan, TSM French & Sociology, 2015 graduate, Collections Analyst

7. Get in touch

For more information on what's involved take a look at the Junior Fresh handbook for French TJH students. If you have questions that are not answered there, you can contact the JF year coordinator, Dr Rachel Hoare: rmhoare@tcd.ie

