INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The French major opens the door to understanding the language and cultural production of France and the French-speaking world. Majors advance their oral and written competency in French through studies of linguistics, translation, film, and literature. Courses in the French department emphasize the ties between language and the arts on the one hand and history, politics, race, and gender on the other. Students of French bring the insights developed through contact with this famously rich culture to a critical appreciation of their own.

WHO STUDIES FRENCH

The French major interests students desiring a general humanistic education based on the language and literature of the French-speaking world; students planning to teach French at the elementary or secondary level; students who intend to pursue graduate work in preparation for teaching and research at the college level; and students preparing for careers in such areas as law, business, or government service, which require both training in a major foreign language and/or a general background in a humanistic discipline.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Immerse yourself in French language with UC Study Abroad in France and Senegal or Berkeley Summer Abroad in Paris.
- Build skills in a Berkeley Global Internship in Paris.
- Complement your studies with a secondary field like Linguistics, Global Studies, Political Science, Political Economy, Art History, English, Molecular and Cell Biology, or Media Studies.
- Find out about France for the Pre-Med.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

ADVISING

Students can drop-in to 4118 Dwinelle Hall to speak with the French Undergraduate Academic Advisor or email questions to frendept@berkeley.edu. You can also schedule an appointment to meet with the advisor or call (510) 982-6181.

Advising Drop-in Hours
Tuesday - Thursday, 9am-12pm, 1-4pm

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more. Attend a sample French class and lecture by French faculty, and talk to students who share your enthusiasm for French.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students. Ask the French Academic Advisor about your first/next step in French.

Events
Attend department events with students, staff, and faculty. Visit french.berkeley.edu for news and updates or email frendept@berkeley.edu and ask to receive department email announcements.

The analytical and critical thinking skills I acquired studying French have helped me across varied workplaces and different countries.

– Maria Jelvis, French alumna

Visit ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.
**FRENCH Bachelor of Arts**

**Explore your major**
- Read placement guidelines and enroll in a French language course.
- Ask about French courses for first-year students.
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Review major and college requirements.

**Connect and build community**
- Get French tutoring through the French department tutoring program.
- Get 1:1 mentoring from graduate student instructors during their office hours.
- Enroll in FRENCH 197 to become a French tutor.
- Attend guest lectures in the department.

**Discover your passions**
- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
- Explore the Berkeley Language Center.
- Take a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
- Assist faculty in their research through URAP. Check out the URAP in European Studies.

**Engage locally and globally**
- Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
- Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
- Explore study, internship, and research abroad options in France with Berkeley Study Abroad.
- Immerse yourself in French with Berkeley Summer Abroad in Paris.
- Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
- Look into study abroad scholarships and the French department Flight Fund.

**Reflect and plan your future**
- Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
- Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner.
- Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail.
- Create or update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
- Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
- Shadow alumni during a winter externship.
- Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.
- Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.

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**FIRST YEAR**

**SECOND YEAR**

**THIRD YEAR**

**FOURTH YEAR**

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**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**

**Jobs and Employers**
- Advancement Assoc., French Intl. Sch.
- Annual Fund Supervisor, L.A. Opera Comms. Specialist, UN Women
- Computational Linguist, MTIRE
- Content Manager, Air France
- Executive Briefing Manager, Oracle
- Interpreter, Cordon Bleu, Paris
- Invest Banking Anlst., Goldman Sachs
- Lawyer
- Marketing Specialist
- Philanthropy Specialist, Mercy Fdn.
- Physician
- Planning Assoc., City of Los Angeles
- Public Health Professional
- PR Coordinator, Verba Buena Center
- Res. Asst., MD Anderson Cancer Ctr.
- Software Engineer, Amazon, Yelp
- Teaching Asst., Teaching Asst. Pgm. Fr.
- Technical Recruiter, Bloomberg
- Translator & Précis Writer, UN

**Graduate Programs**
- Business, Masters
- Art History, PhD
- French, Masters and/or PhD
- International Public Mgmt., Masters
- International Public Mgmt., Masters
- International Public Mgmt., Masters
- Medicine, MD
- Linguistics, PhD
- Medicine, MD
- Public Health, Masters
- Public Policy, Masters
- Secondary Educ. & Teaching, Masters

**Examples gathered from the July 2023 French Department LinkedIn network and the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.**