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.

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 Economy, Art History, English, Molecular and Cell Biology, or Media Studies.
- Find out about France for the Pre-Med.

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.

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

– Maria Jelvis, French alumna

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.

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

**FIRST YEAR**
- 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.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Complete the lower division prerequisite French language sequence.
- Enroll in the prerequisite course FRENCH 101: Writing Skills in French and meet with the major advisor to declare the major.
- Review major guidelines for study abroad.

**THIRD YEAR**
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Focus on upper division requirements.
- Review study abroad courses that satisfy French major requirements.
- Ask your major advisor about the French honors program.

**FOURTH YEAR**
- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Complete any "bucket list" courses.
- Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
- Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.

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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, NISTRE
- Content Manager, Air France
- Executive Briefing Manager, Oracle
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**Graduate Programs**
- Business, Masters
- Art History, PhD
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**Connect and build community**
- Get French tutoring through the French department tutoring program.
- Get 1:1 mentoring from graduate students with L&S Mentors Program.
- Find conversation exchange groups at the Student Learning Center.
- Explore the Berkeley Language Center.

**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 scholarly and leisure reading materials at the Library of French Thought.
- 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.

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- Attend career and graduate school fairs.

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**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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