

**French and Francophone Studies Curriculum and General Information
2023-24**

French Modules and Module Coordinators by Stage and Semester

Stage One (First Year)

Semester One

FR10060 French Grammar and Comprehension	(Dr Douglas Smith)
FR10120 Reading Short French Texts	(Prof. Mary Gallagher)

Semester Two

FR10070 French Grammar and Expression (core)	(Prof. Michael Brophy)
FR10130 French Fictions	(Dr Emer O' Beirne)

Stage Two (Second Year)

Semester One

FR20020 French Language IIa (core)	(Dr Derval Conroy)
FR20260 Reading Early Modern Prose	(Dr Derval Conroy)
FR20130 French New Wave	(Dr Douglas Smith)

Semester Two

FR20040 French Language IIb (core)	(Dr Stephen Schwartz)
FR20180 La France d'aujourd'hui	(Dr Manu Braganca)
FR20220 World War 2 in French Culture	(Dr Manu Braganca)
FR20160 The Realist Novel	(Dr Stephen Schwartz)
FR20250 Social Networks in C17 France	(Dr Derval Conroy / Dr Janée Allsman)

Erasmus BCIT Cohort:

SLL 30070 Language Experience Abroad	(Dr Siobhan Donovan)
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Stage Three/Four (Final Year)

Semester One

FR30310 French Language 3a (core)	(Dr Emer O' Beirne)
FR30370 Equality and Feminisms in Early Modern France	(Dr Derval Conroy)
FR30390 Postcolonial Narratives	(Prof Mary Gallagher)
FR30290 Qu'est-ce que l'individualisme ?	(Dr Stephen Schwartz)

Semester Two

FR30320 French language 3b (core)	(Dr Manu Braganca)
FR30270 Thinking Things	(Dr Douglas Smith)
FR30040 Literature of Quebec	(Prof Michael Brophy)
FR30350 Narratives of Place	(Dr Emer O’Beirne)
FR30210 Research in French	(Dr Derval Conroy)

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Semester One

FR40390 Reading French for Research	(Dr Stephen Schwartz)
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Entry Level

Students intending to study French at Stage 1 in the School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics are expected to have attained a minimum result of H4 in the Leaving Cert.

It is not possible to commence French at beginners’ level.

Progression from Stage One to Stage Two (BA)

In the course of BA Stage One (First Year), students must accumulate 60 credits overall in order to progress to BA Stage Two. Within this broad requirement, there are other specific subject requirements subjects regarding progression. In the absence of other requirements (as in BComm Intl), the **minimum requirement** for progression to Stage Two French within the omnibus BA structure is the **successful completion of FR10070 plus one other level-one French module** (10 credits). However, students intending to pursue French beyond Stage One as a Major are strongly advised to follow as many of the four Stage One French modules as possible and preferably all four.

Language prerequisites for ALL programmes

(BA, BAIML, BCIT, Politics with a Language, European Studies, Global Studies, BEd).

Stage One language module FR10070 **must be passed** in order to progress to Stage Two French.

Within Stage Two, students **must pass** both intermediate level-two French language modules (FR20020 and FR20040) before progressing to Stage Three French (any modules, language or ‘content’ options).

Credit Requirements

The number of credits required at each Stage will vary according to the programme in which the student is enrolled (see below for general information on the **Programme Structures Summary**).

There are a number of different programme structures within which French modules can be taken. Individual French modules can also be taken as electives but the following information relates to students who wish to take French as a Major subject within their degree. Each structure requires a certain number of modules at each Stage.

1. BA International Modern Languages (French)

BA Modern International Languages (French) take a minimum of 10 credits at Stage One (FR10070 plus one other module). We encourage students to take 20 credits.

Stage Two (Second Year):

One SLL core module (5 credits)

Nine modules (45 credits) across languages 1 and 2, of which normally at least 4 modules (20 credits) in French:

Two French core modules (FR20002, FR20040, FR20180) + at least one French option module.

Students who take only 4 modules (20 credits) in French at Stage 2 will normally take 5 modules in their other language at this Stage. In Stage 4, then, the proportions between the two languages will be reversed while still totalling 45, so that a student taking 25 credits of French at Stage 2 will take 20 credits of French at Stage 4.

Stage Three (Third Year): Erasmus year abroad

Stage Four (Final Year):

One SLL core module (5 credits)

Nine modules (45 credits) across languages 1 and 2, of which normally at least 4 modules (20 credits) in French

Two level-three French core modules (FR30310 + FR30320) + at least two level-three French option modules

2. BA French 50-credit Joint Major – 60 credits in total min (usually at least 65?)

BA French 50-credit Joint Major students take a minimum of 10 credits in first year (FR10070 plus one other module), and 50 credits in second year and final year.

Second Year: Two core modules + three option modules (= 25 credits)

(Third Year: Erasmus year abroad, optional, leading to a BA (Honours) International degree)

Final Year: Two core modules + three option modules (= 25 credits)

3. BA Humanities

a) Languages, Linguistics and Cultures Pathway - 55 credits in total

First Year: 15 credits: Two core language modules
+ one 'content' module

Second Year: 20 credits Two core language modules
+ two 'content' modules

Third Year: Year abroad / internship

Final Year 20 credits Two core language modules
+ two 'content' modules

b) European Studies Pathway – 40 credits in total

First Year: 15 credits: Two core language modules (FR10060 and FR10070)
+ one 'content' French module
(+ core European Studies module]

Second Year: 15 credits: Two core language modules
+ one 'content' French module
(+ core European Studies module)

Final Year : 10 credits: Two core language modules

4. BComm International (BCIT French) - 60 credits in total

Stage One: 15 credits at Stage One (FR10060 + FR10070 + FR10130)

Second Year: 25 credits

Core language modules: FR20020 and FR20040
Core 'La France d'aujourd'hui' FR20180
+ two option modules

Third Year: Year Abroad +
SLL 30070 Language Experience Abroad

Final Year: 20 credits

Two core language modules (FR30310 and FR30320) + two option modules

5. B Ed with French and Gaelge

First Year: French 15 credits

Second Year: French 15 credits

Third Year: French Erasmus (15 credits) and placement module (5 credits): 20 credits

Fourth Year: French 10 credits

B Ed with French and a second modern language

Stage 1: Modern Language 1: 10 credits
Modern Language 2: 15 credits

Stage 2: Modern language 1: 15 credits
Modern language 2: 10 credits

Stage 3: Modern language 1: 10 credits
Modern language 2: 20 credits
Modern language 1: Erasmus – 15 credits
Modern language 2: Online language work placement – 5 credits

Stage 4: Modern Language 1: 10 credits
Modern Language 2: 10 credits

6. *Social Science (Politics and International Relations) with a Language*

First Year: 10 credits

Core language module FR10070
+ one other FR module (FR10060, FR10120, FR10130)

Second Year: 20 credits

Core language modules: FR20020 and FR20040
Core 'La France d'aujourd'hui' FR20180
+ one other FR module

Third Year: Year abroad / internship

Final Year: 20 credits

Two core language modules: FR30310 and FR30320
Two 'content' FR modules

7. *Higher Diploma in Arts (HDipArts) in French*

The HDipArts is a programme open to students already holding a BA who wish to study a further single subject to degree-level (NFQ 8). There are two versions:

70-credit HDipArts in French

First Year: 20 credits (all four French modules)
Stage Two and Three: 50 credits (as per BA French 50-credit major above)

60-credit HDipArts in French (for students who have already completed BA Stage One in the subject as part of prior BA study)

Stage Two Level Two: (Second Year):
Three core modules + three option modules (= 30 credits)
Stage Two Level Three (Final Year): Two core modules + four option modules
(= 30 credits)

Post-BA students seeking further modules in French for registration as teachers of French with the Teaching Council normally enter UCD through the framework of the HDipArts but do not necessarily complete the whole programme, depending on their requirements. Prospective students should note that the HDipArts normally takes at least two years to complete and even the

study of a limited number of modules may require two years due to pre-requisite and progression requirements.

8. *Law with French Law*

Students enrolled in the Law with French Law degree take three modules:

Level 1 French Fictions and both Level 2 core language modules.

9. *15-credit Structured Elective*

A Structured Elective means taking your elective credits in a structured manner over the course of your programme to form a small but coherent block amounting to a minimum of 15 credits. This Structured Elective sequence comprises a minimum of three modules in the French language.

Students who wish to begin at post-Leaving Certificate or equivalent level should take at least FR10070 French Grammar & Expression level 1 module before proceeding to level 2. Students who have already attained B1+ level and who wish to begin at level 2 must contact the Head of French to arrange for a short interview and/or placement test.

For further details, see <https://www.ucd.ie/students/registration/structuredelectives/french/>

Electives

All BA Intl Modern Languages French and BA French Major students are strongly advised to use their elective slots to supplement their major areas of study where feasible. BCommIntl students wishing to retain the option of teaching as a career are advised to use their elective slots to scale up the French literature component of their degree to major strength, in order to meet the Teaching Council of Ireland requirements. Students should take electives at the same level as their core modules (so level-two electives in second year, and level-three electives in final year).

Study Abroad (ERASMUS)

French and Francophone Studies runs study-year-abroad exchanges with 15 universities across France, Belgium, Switzerland and Canada. They are all year-long exchanges, taken up at the end of second year, so the year abroad operates as the third year of a four-year BA course. Most of these exchange places are ERASMUS exchanges run with European partner universities. All BA International Modern Languages (French) students are guaranteed an ERASMUS exchange place, subject to the fulfilment of academic requirements. For BComm International students, the third year abroad is organized separately through Commerce, and are not eligible for FFS ERASMUS places. Places for students on Politics and XXX are organized through Politics.

Places for students on European Studies and Global Studies are allocated through the School of History.

The remainder of our places are open to competition on academic grounds. Preference is given to Major students, and the scheme is not open to Elective students in French. Joint Major students usually have the option of applying for ERASMUS places through their other subject as well as French.

The application process for ERASMUS begins in November of second year and offers of places are made in the Jan / Feb of second year. The offer of all places, regardless of programme, is subject to the fulfilment of minimum academic requirements by the end of second year (in 2023 / 24, this is 10 credits overall plus a pass in both FR20020 and FR20040).

Further details about procedures and requirements are supplied in the first semester of second year.

PROBLEMS AND PROBLEM-SOLVING

If you encounter a problem in your studies within French, then the first person to consult is the tutor of the class concerned. The next person in line is the Module Coordinator, then the Head of French and ultimately the Head of School. Most problems are best and most quickly solved at the most immediate level. If you feel that the nature of the problem means that it needs to be addressed at a different level, however, then you should contact the next member of staff in line.

Class Tutor > Module Coordinator > Head of Subject > Head of School

Head of French:

Dr Derval Conroy (derval.conroy@ucd.ie)

Head of School:

Dr Siofra Pierse (siofra.pierse@ucd.ie)

STAFF-STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Coordinators of Core Language Modules organize a subject-based staff-student liaison committee meeting each semester. Students in the core language modules will be asked to volunteer to act as student representatives. The meetings will allow students to raise issues of concern in relation to French modules.

Summary of French Prerequisites and Erasmus Requirements

FRENCH	Progression to Second Year (Stage 2)	Ib required for IIa, IIb and all other Second-Year French modules
	Progression to Final Year (Stage 3/4)	IIa and IIb required for IIIa, IIIb and all other Final-Year French modules

ERASMUS :

In all languages, **BA students** must have passed *both* IIa and IIb in order to take up an ERASMUS place. This is in addition to the University requirement of 110 credits.

BAIML students must have passed IIa and IIb in *both* their languages in order to take up their ERASMUS place, irrespective of which country they are going to.

The information provided in this document is believed to be correct. However, in the event that the information contained within it conflicts with any University policy, that policy has precedence.

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