BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION

Whether you want to build your language and cultural skills or prepare to live and work abroad, there are so many reasons to study French. It’s one of Canada’s official languages, one of the UN six official languages and is spoken by over 275 million people across five continents.

Learning other languages and discovering different cultures is essential in today’s global society. It gives you a better grasp on current and past political and cultural issues, and increases your ability to communicate with people from different cultures or countries.

The UVic Department of French explores the French-speaking world in all its diversity—with our international faculty, students explore everything from cinema and literature, to computer-assisted language learning and translation.

OUR PROGRAMS

Undergraduate and certificate programs
- BA in French with minor, major or honours programs
- Certificate in French Language and Cultural Proficiency

Graduate program
- MA in French

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Research that makes an impact
Our faculty members come from many different backgrounds and each brings a new dimension to our department. Their diverse backgrounds, perspectives and areas of specialization enrich our teaching and research.

Our faculty and graduate students are engaged with vital topics and critical inquiry—working everyday to increase our understanding of culture, communication and the French-speaking world.

We specialize in:
- French, Québécois, Indigenous and Francophone literature and culture
- literature from the Middle Ages to the 21st century
- linguistics as a tool for understanding culture
- digital humanities
- translation, editing and creative writing
- language teaching and learning
- representations of identity
- film studies
- language and variation
- queer theories

Preparing students for dynamic futures
Students at all levels of fluency find a place in our department.

Whether they are interested in exploring the culture, cinema, literature, or history of the French-speaking world or looking to learn about translation, phonetics, French grammar and syntax, U Vic provides the flexibility to create a program tailored to their specific interests and needs.

With us, they will learn critical thinking skills, develop literary, cultural and linguistic abilities while also manipulating the latest social media tools and re-discovering the art of reading modern and ancient manuscripts.

"My study of French has been enormously enriching and allowed me to enjoy a most fulfilling career in the Canadian foreign service."

Patricia Lortie, alumna, Canadian Diplomat

Our programs, and unique Certificate in French Language and Cultural Proficiency, provide our students with the essential professional and life skills that contribute to their personal and career success.

We provide our students with many opportunities to practice their French outside the classroom—encouraging fluency that leads to exciting careers across Canada and beyond our borders, including opportunities in translation, diplomacy, law, teaching, journalism, writing, graduate school and many other professional sectors.