



Why study French at Bristol?

French is a truly global language, spoken in Europe, North and West Africa, the Indian Ocean, the Caribbean, Polynesia, Canada and Asia.

A French degree from Bristol provides you with excellent spoken and written French while also enabling you to discover the societies, cultures, literary and linguistic histories of these fascinating places. The department encourages synergy between research and teaching, resulting in a vibrant learning environment, as staff respond in their teaching to new research. Our broad expertise reflects the range of contributions that French culture has made, and the key role that France continues to play, in Europe and the wider world.

Our degree courses are aimed at achieving a high level of fluency and accuracy. You will attend a mix of lectures, language classes, seminars and individual tutorials. First-year foundation units are followed by a great variety of options in diverse topics. You may also study interdisciplinary units in the School of Modern Languages.

Your period of residence abroad during your third year will provide invaluable cultural and linguistic immersion.



Year abroad

Gain international experience with a year studying or working in France or countries including Senegal and Martinique.



Dynamic, research-led teaching

Current staff specialisms include: visual culture; Francophone cultures in Africa; French colonialism; relationships between art, music and literature; modern French society and politics; contemporary film and cultural studies; and 19th-century politics.

Sample units may include:

- Introduction to Francophone African Literature
- Francophone Belgian Culture: From Symbolism to bande dessinée
- France 1940-44: Occupation and Resistance
- *Les Misérables*: Readings and Receptions
- French for Business and Enterprise
- Cinema and Revolution
- Communism in Europe.

Courses

Single honours:

BA French

Joint honours with another language:

French with German / Italian / Portuguese / Russian / Spanish

Joint honours with other subjects:

French with Comparative Literatures and Cultures / English / Film / History / History of Art / International Business Management / Law / Music / Philosophy / Politics / Theatre

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Find out more

Entry requirements, course structure and units
bristol.ac.uk/ug2021-french



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