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# French Studies Programmes

# BA French Studies

The 3-Year BA programme in French Studies is available with a range of minors. Depending on your options, up to 80% of your courses will be delivered in French:

- BA French Studies
- BA French Studies with Business
- BA French Studies with History
- BA French Studies with International Relations





# BA French Studies

- ‘Language’ courses (ULL) and ‘Content’ courses (ULC)
- Opportunity to choose from a broad range of ‘Content’ courses (literature, visual culture, history, business, linguistics, cinema, politics )
- Taught predominantly in French – between 65-80% of classes taught in French, depending on Options in BA2 and BA3 (lower for students taking Minors in Business, IR or History)

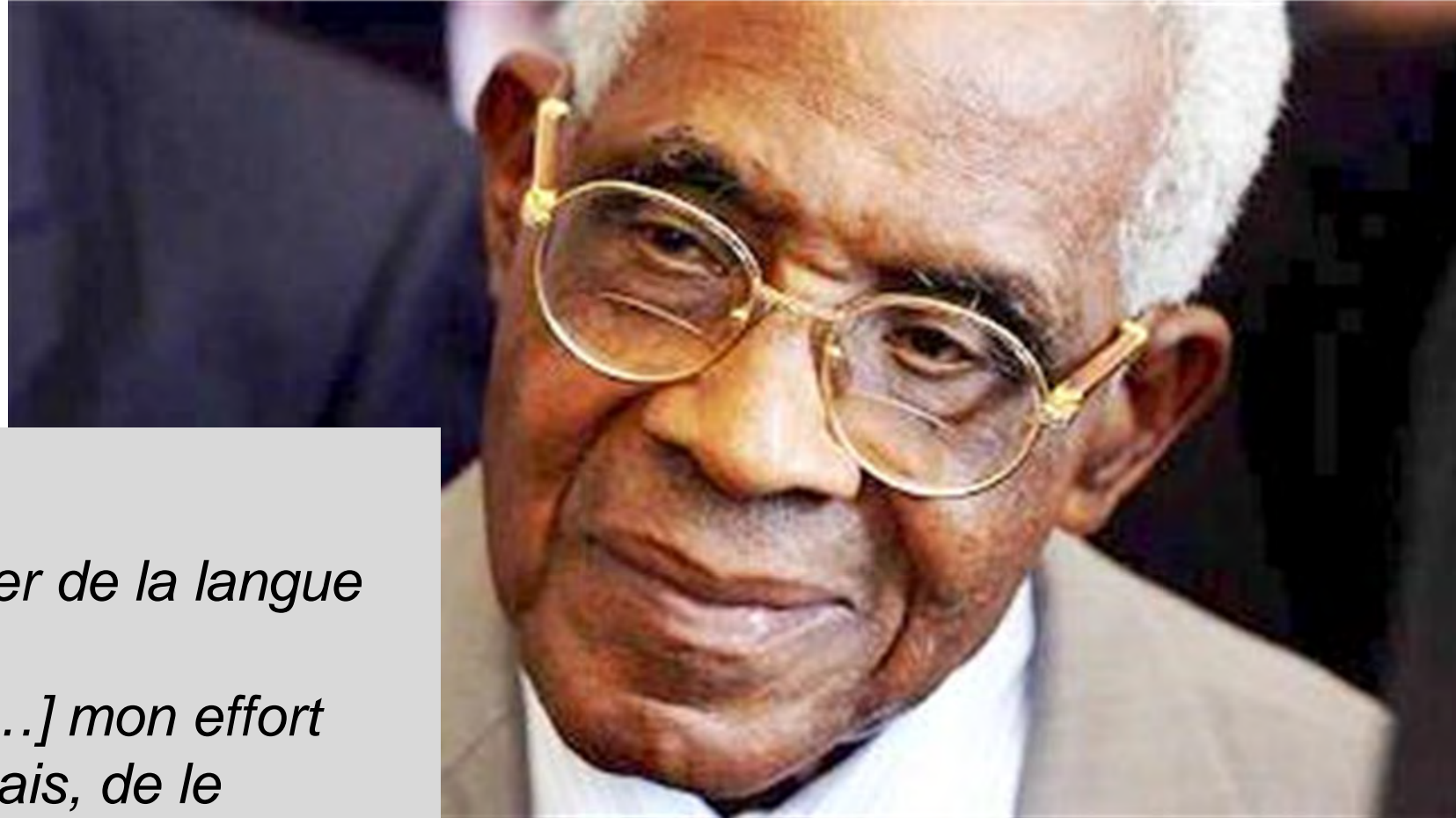
# BA French Studies

High-level competence in the five key language skills

- 1 Reading
- 2 Writing
- 3 Listening
- 4 Speaking continuously
- 5 Speaking conversationally



*Je ne suis pas prisonnier de la langue française! la langue, au fond, est arbitraire [...] mon effort a été d'infléchir le français, de le transformer pour exprimer, disons: « ce moi, ce moi nègre, ce moi-créole, ce moi Martiniquais, ce moi-antillais »'*



Aimé Césaire, 'Entretien avec Aimé Césaire par Jacqueline Leiner', *Tropiques*, 1941–1945: Collection complète, v-xxiv. (Paris: Jean Michel Place, réed, 1978)

# Conceptual pillars of the programme

## BA1 Ways of Reading

- Exploration and Encounter

## BA2 Ways of Thinking and Seeing

- Critique and Theorisation

## BA3 Ways of Knowing

- Specialisation and Research

# BA French Studies - Outline

## Year 1 – Ways of Reading

- **Intensive grammar and core writing skills** (3h per week)
- **Oral proficiency development** – ‘compétences professionnelles’ with CV development and job interview practice (1h per week)
- **Introduction to French Culture (literature, art, cinema)** – 2h per week
- **Modern History of France and the Colonial Empire** – 2h per week
- **Contemporary French Politics and Society (one semester)** – 2h per week
- **Cultural Studies (one semester)** - 2h per week

Many courses taught and assessed in French

## Exploration and Encounter

- Integrated Programme
- 10 Contact hours per week

# BA French Studies - Outline

## Year 2 - Ways of Thinking and Seeing

- **Compulsory language courses**
- **Advanced Grammar** – 2h per week
- **Advanced Oral Proficiency** – 1h per week
- **Introduction to Translation** (Fre-Eng and Eng-Fre) – 2h per week
  
- **Broad choice of semester-long ‘content’ modules, 6h per week**
- In French: **Gender and Sexuality, History, Linguistics, Twentieth-Century Art**
- In English: **Politics and Fiction, France, Britain and Empire, Climate Politics, Queer Politics, Global Cinema, Marketing, Management, Social Movements and the politics of protest, Visual imagery and mass culture**

## Critique And Theorisation

- Define Your Interests
- 11 Contact hours per week

# BA French Studies - Outline

## Year 3 - Ways of Knowing

- **Advanced Translation** (Fre-Eng and Eng-Fre) 2h per week
- **Advanced French Discourse** (Written & Oral) 2h per week
- **Broad choice of Research-Led Specialist Content Modules**, 5h per week
  - In French: **History, Politics, Literature and Urbanism, Linguistics**
  - In English: **Comparative Literature, Post/colonial Literature, French and North African History, Cinema Studies, Political Theory**
- **Optional Research Dissertation**

## Specialisation and Research

- Opportunity to Specialise
- 9 Contact hours per week



# Major / Minor degree model

Major

90 credits  
each year

Minor

30 credits  
each year

For all French Major programmes, your 90 credits of French will include 30 credits of Core Language courses and 60 credits of Content modules per year (Core ULL Language course + four 15 Credit Option in Years 2 and 3)

# BA French Studies with History

- History Minor (30 Credits)
- 2 contact hours per week

## Year 1

- ULC110 *Histoire et histoires*: Introduction to Modern French History

## Year 2

- ULC214 *Histoire et mémoire I: les récits nationaux*
- ULC234 France, Britain and Empire

## Year 3

Any two of the following:

- ULC310 *Le républicanisme français I*
- ULC313 French Colonialism in North Africa
- ULC304 *Fin-de-Siècle* Politics and Ideology
- ULC329 Research Dissertation (on approved History topic)

# BA French Studies with Business

- Business Minor (30 Credits)
- 2 contact hours per week

## Year 1

- ULB001 Fundamentals of Management
- ULB011 Marketing

## Year 2

- ULB017 Economics for Business
- ULB244 European Business Contexts

## Year 3

- ULB138 Financial Accounting
- ULB300 Introduction to Entrepreneurship

# BA French Studies with International Relations

- International Relations Minor (30 Credits)
- 2 contact hours per week

## Year 1

- POLP106 Introduction to International Politics

## Year 2

- POLP201 Doing International Politics (2)

## Year 3

- POLP301 Doing International Politics (3)

# Benefits of Living and Studying Abroad

- Accelerated language learning
- Enhanced cultural awareness
- Increased confidence and maturity



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*Studying abroad has given me a cultural awareness that would otherwise be unattainable, and I believe this is an asset when applying to jobs.*

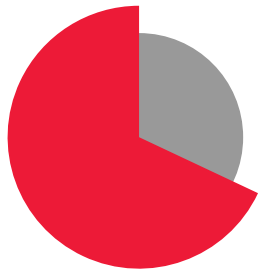
**Phoebe Sephton**

BA in French Studies, 2015

# Employability: give yourself the edge

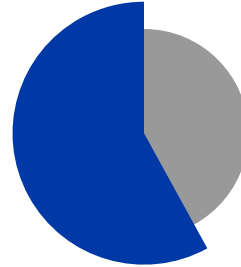
British Academy Born Global Project 2014

## SME Omnibus Survey



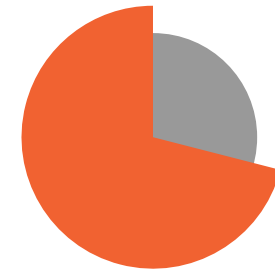
**68%**

Agreed that multilingual international graduates had a strong advantage in the job market and greater chances of promotion.



**58%**

Agreed that foreign language skills and international experience were becoming tie-breakers at interview



**71%**

Agreed that future executives would need (foreign) language skills and international experience



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# What do ULIP graduates go on to do?

- Postgraduate Study
- Teaching qualifications (PGCE / TEFL)
- Translation and Interpreting
- International Relations
- Cultural / Historical Studies
- Law and Accountancy



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