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A group of five diverse students are sitting outdoors in Paris, smiling and laughing. In the background, the Eiffel Tower and a French flag are visible.

# French Studies Programmes

2025



# 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



# 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

# Compulsory Courses

## BA1

Reading Paris:  
French Culture in  
Context

## BA2

(Re-)Thinking  
Paris: Urban and  
Global  
Francophone  
Identities

## BA3

Knowing Paris: The  
Paris Project



# 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)
- **Reading Paris: French Culture in Context** – 2h per week
- **Histoire et Histoires: Social, Political and Cultural Issues from the Revolution to the Present Day** – 2h per week
- **Issues in Contemporary French Politics** – 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
- **Core Course:**  
**(Re-)Thinking Paris: Urban and Global Francophone Identities - (2h)**
- **Broad choice of semester-long ‘content’ modules, 4h per week**
  - In French: **Gender and Sexuality, History, History of Sensibilities and Emotions, 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
- **Knowing Paris: The Paris Project** (Research Dissertation)
- **And 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, Bande Dessinée**
- **Optional Research Dissertation**

## Specialisation and Research

- Opportunity to Specialise
- Approx. 10 Contact hours per week



# Suggested Pathways

- 1 French Linguistics
- 2 Literature, Culture, and Identity
- 3 Visual Cultures
- 4 Critical Thought
- 5 People and Protest

**Shape your degree around your interests**

- Five suggested pathways through your degree allow you to align with a specific academic focus while keeping your options open



# Major / Minor degree model

**Major**

90 credits  
each year

**Minor**

30 credits  
each year



# 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

Any two of the following:

- ULC204 History of Sensibilities and Emotions
- ULC234 France, Britain and Empire
- ULC237 French Political Thought

## 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

# 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

- POLP101 – Doing International Politics (1): Theories & Actors - English

## Year 2

- POLP201 Doing International Politics (2): Methods

## Year 3

- POLP301 Doing International Politics (3): Practices

# 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**

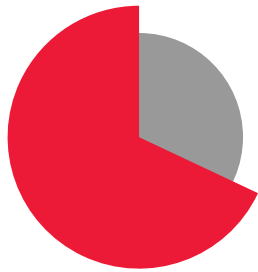
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# Employability: give yourself the edge

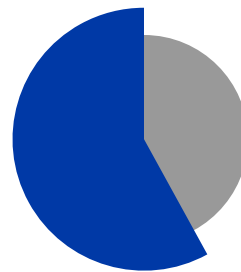
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## SME Omnibus Survey



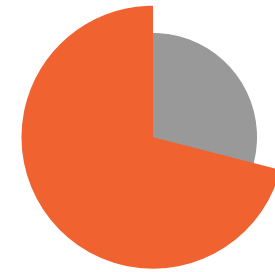
68%

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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