The French program provide students with French language and cultural skills (all programs) as well as disciplinary skills in French linguistics and/or French Literary & cultural studies (minor, major and specialist programs in French Studies). Courses focus on a diversity of approaches, looking at French not only in Canada and France but across the wider French-speaking world as well as in a variety of populations including LGBTQ2+ and indigenous French speakers.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we’ve pulled together information and interesting suggestions to get you started, although there are many more! As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are mentioned. In fact, activities such as joining an academic society, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study at UTM. Read through the chart and create your own plan using My Program Plan found at www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans

Programs of Study (POSt)

- Specialist Program ERSPE1295 French Studies (Arts)
- Major Program ERMAJ1295 French Studies (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN1000 Functional French (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN1135 French Studies (Arts)

Check out...

Do you want to add an experiential component to your French learning? Take FRE398H5 The Culture of Paris and spend the Fall Term Reading Break immersing yourself in the culture of Paris through language, food, historic sites and museums!

What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre to explore your career options.

Careers for graduates: Bilingual customer service specialist; Communications specialist; Court interpreter; Foreign service officer; Interpreter; Language teacher; Political aide; Public relations specialist; Technical writer; Terminologist; Translator.

Workplaces: Airlines, airports; Communications and broadcasting companies; Cultural organizations; Government; Language schools, international schools; Translation and interpretation firms.
FRENCH MAJOR Program Plan

1st YEAR
Enrol in courses FRE180H5 and 181H5 or equivalent. Choose a program of study (Subject POS) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree. Develop foundational academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a u ont course. Build community and gain academic support through LAUNCH. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.

2nd YEAR
Enrol in courses FRE240H5, FRE272H5, FRE282H5 and FRE283H5. Consider applying for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) courses FRE299Y and FRE399Y. Visit the EEU website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC’s Program for Accessing Research Training (PART) to enhance your research skills.

3rd YEAR
Enrol in courses FRE382H5 and 383H5/380H5. In third year and higher, attain 4.0 credits from French Linguistics or 4.0 credits from French Literary and Cultural Studies. View the Academic Calendar for course options. Throughout your undergraduate degree:
- use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.
- see the Office of the Registrar and the Language Studies Academic Advisor

4th OR FINAL YEAR
Conduct a scholarly project under the supervision of a faculty member through an independent study course such as FRE491H5 and FRE490H5. Speak to the Language Studies Academic Advisor for advice and details. Log on to AORIN and request graduation.

HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PLAN
Read through each year. Investigate what appeals to you here and in any other Program Plans that apply to you. Visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans to create your own plan using My Program Plan. Update your plan yearly.

*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.

BUILD A NETWORK
Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Étudiants francophones de UTM (EFUTM) and the Language Studies Academic Society (LSAS). Follow them on Facebook @EFUTM and @utmLSAS. Go to the EFUTM and LSAS Meet and Greet. Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.

BUILD SKILLS
Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments. Attend the Get Hired Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities. Attend the Experiential Education Fair to learn about for-credit EI opportunities.

BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET
Engage with the many programs offered by the International Education Centre (IEC), whether you are an international or domestic student. Consider joining the Canada Eh? day trips or English Language Conversation Circles to deepen your global mindset. First-year international students can also take advantage of THYRWEVin, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully. Consider SummerAbroad courses in Tours, France as well as the Explore program.

PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE
Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC. Attend the French Studies Orientation in May to plan your course registration. Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options.

NETWORKING
Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn). Check out events hosted by the Language Department such as the French Talent Show. Visit their page.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
Earn credits overseas! Apply to study for a summer term, or year at one of 170+ universities. Speak to the IEC for details about Course Based Exchange, funding and travel safety. Attend Global Learning Week to learn about the various opportunities available to you! Apply to study for a term or year at a UofT partner university in France (Grenoble, Lyon, Marseille, Nantes or Paris).

BEGIN A DEGREE
Choose a program of study (Subject POS) once you start your UTM journey successfully. Enrol in courses FRE180H5 and 181H5 or equivalent.

WHAT'S NEXT?
What’s your next step after undergrad?

WRITE
Write a strong application for further education. Attend the CC’s Mastering the Personal Statement workshop.

FUND
Market your skills to employers. Get your resume critiqued at the CC. Attend the CC workshop: Now That I’m Graduating: What’s Next?

EXPLORE
Explore careers through the CC’s Job Shadow Program.

EXPERIENCE
Sharpen your problem solving and design skills by getting involved with the CSE.

EXPERIENCE
Consider a practical work-based experience through the internship course FRE400H5. Speak to the Language Studies Academic Advisor for application information.

JOIN
Join a professional association. Check out the L’Association des Professionne/le/s de Français des Universités et des Collèges Canadiens (APFUCC).

APPLY
Go to the International Conference on Second Language Pedagogies. Attend international conferences held on the 3 campuses.

EXPLORE
Explore program options through the CC’s Mastering the Personal Statement workshop.

GO
Engage in programs like ISTEP and THRIVE to support your transition out of the University!

LEARN
Learn about the France-Canada Youth Mobility Agreement to travel and work in France in the future. Think about the Teaching Assistant Program in France!
Skills developed in French

To be competitive in the job market, it is essential that you can explain your skills to an employer. Visit the Career Centre to learn how to articulate and market the following skills:

Communication: proficiency in reading, writing, and oral expression in other languages; write carefully reasoned reports and essays; and translate and interpret.

Critical thinking: understand historical language change; actively listen and question; formulate and defend positions; and formulate criteria, evaluations and make decisions.

Interpersonal: understanding other cultures and integrating cultural and ethnic diversity in human interactions.

Research: read materials accurately and analytically; understand, organize and integrate information; carry out tasks with thoroughness and precision; and creativity and flexibility in thinking.

Get involved

Check out the 100+ student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- Étudiants francophones de UTM (EFUTM)
- Language Studies Academic Society (LSAS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit the Student Groups and Societies Directory

Services that support you

- Accessibility Services (AS)
- Career Centre (CC)
- Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Office (EDIO)
- Experiential Education Unit (EEU)
- Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)
- Indigenous Centre (IC)
- International Education Centre (IEC)
- Office of the Registrar (OR)
- Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC)
- Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC)
- UTM Library, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre (HMALC)

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FUTURE STUDENTS

Admission to UTM

All program areas require an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent, with six Grade 12 U/M courses, or equivalent, including English. The admission average is calculated with English plus the next best five courses. The approximate average required for admission is mid- to high-70s. More information is available at utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook.

NOTE: During the application process, applicants will select the Humanities admissions category, but will not officially be admitted to a formal program of study (Specialist, Major, and/or Minor) until after first year.

Sneak Peek

Curious about the structure of the French language and its users including child and adult learners as well as other bi/multilinguals? Take FRE272H5 A Linguistic Introduction to the French Language. Want to learn about the diversity of French films and film makers? Take FRE391H5 Women and LGBTQ+ Writers and Filmmakers of the Francophone World.

Our department is a leader in the use of educational technology: the use of computer technology (computer-assisted language teaching) is offered as extra practice and unlimited individualized feedback/interaction. Our learning Lab facility includes a state-of-the-art software and multimedia library. Finally, we promote bimodal language learning in combining multimedia and communicative methods.

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