School of Languages, Cultures and Societies
FACULTY OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND CULTURES

French at Leeds
UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
We are one of the largest French departments in the UK, and in the 2016 National Student Survey 91% of our finalists declared that they were ‘overall satisfied’ with their course.

With some 15 full-time members of staff providing experience, knowledge and enthusiasm in French teaching and research from the Middle Ages to the present day, we are able to offer one of the widest ranges of undergraduate options in the country. Our modules allow you to specialise in areas from literature to linguistics, from popular culture to politics, from philosophy to translation, and from film to postcolonial Francophone studies.

Our French student society offers practical study tips, peer-to-peer advice about the residence abroad and department socials. Weekly ‘Rendez-vous’ nights out are the perfect opportunity to meet other students of French and practise speaking the language.

Our highly qualified graduates are equipped with numerous skills including high-level linguistic expertise; self-reliance from their residence abroad; communication skills; appreciation of other cultures; skills of research, analysis and persuasion; and workplace skills of delegation, time-management and negotiation. These skills are needed for a wide range of careers including translating, interpreting, business, finance, marketing, teaching and journalism. Some of our graduates progress to postgraduate study at Leeds or another institution.

We are one of the largest French departments in the UK.
Our French courses offer great choice in what you study, allowing you to combine core language competence with optional modules in literature, linguistics, visual culture, society and history. You can tailor your studies to your interests: you may wish to focus predominantly on French, combine your French with another language or take discovery modules outside the School of Languages, Cultures and Societies.

Modern languages and linguistics at Leeds ranked 10th in the UK
The Guardian University league tables 2017

In Level 1, you will attend lectures that will cover key aspects of French culture and core language, with the opportunity to discuss and explore the content further in small-group seminars. You will also have the opportunity to explore and present your ideas through individual or group presentations.

In Level 2, most lectures and seminars are conducted in French. Independent study becomes increasingly important, and you will be encouraged to explore your own ideas about the topics of study. Optional modules include cinema, history, Francophone culture and politics.

The residence abroad after Level 2 is spent in France or a French-speaking country, with a clear focus on the development of language skills. We have partnerships with a number of universities in France where you can study the equivalent of your course alongside French students or take an intensive language course for learners of French. Alternatively, you may take a work placement year or work as a Language Assistant under the British Council’s programme.

In Level 3, all teaching is delivered via small-group seminars. These are mostly conducted in French and some of the assessment is also in French, helping to tie your language learning to your other modules. You will be expected to do a lot of independent reading, and assessment in a number of modules involves independent research, including a major research project on a topic of your choice.
A joint honours degree allows you to study the same core topics as students on a single honours course, but you will take fewer options and discovery modules so you can fit in both subjects. You will also undertake a major research project in either subject in your final year.

The intellectual range of such a degree, together with the organisational skill in combining two subject areas, makes you very attractive to employers. Our courses allow you to study your chosen subjects in depth, and to graduate with an honours degree covering two disciplines. All joint honours degrees with French are parented and administered by the School of Languages, Cultures and Societies. You will be allocated a personal tutor who will help guide your module choices and offer support, as well as acting as a point of contact for references.

**BA Liberal Arts**
You can study French as your major for this degree. Find out more at [www.leeds.ac.uk/liberal-arts](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/liberal-arts)
Both single and joint honours students will have a compulsory residence abroad in a French-speaking country. If you study single honours French, or a French joint honours combination with a non-language subject, you will spend a year in France or in another French-speaking country. Some of our students choose to spend their year abroad in Belgium, French Canada, Switzerland, Senegal or the French Caribbean.

If you study a two-language joint honours course you will normally spend a year in one of the countries whose language you are studying, and a term in a country in which your other language is spoken.

**University placement**
Studying in France is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling experience. You can study at a French university and follow specially designed courses, or choose to study at other universities where we have links.

**British Council Language Assistant**
You can choose to spend the year working as an English Language Assistant which involves teaching English in a French-speaking school in France, one of its overseas territories, or Québec.

**Work placement**
It may be possible to take a work placement in one of the companies with which we have links, or to propose your own placement. You will be supported throughout your placement year to gain invaluable skills in a graduate-level job.

Check [www.leeds.ac.uk/courses](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/courses) for more information.
Entry Requirements
For BA French (R120) the standard entry requirement is ABB including B in French.

Joint honours entry requirements vary by course, for more information see www.leeds.ac.uk/courses

All applications must be made through UCAS by 15 January for admission the following September. www.ucas.com

Access to Leeds
Access to Leeds, the University's widening access scheme, guarantees special consideration if you have personal circumstances that have affected your ability to demonstrate your talent and potential through grades alone.

Applicants to the scheme who receive a standard offer will also receive an Access to Leeds offer of two A-level grades (or equivalent) below the standard offer. To find out more, visit www.leeds.ac.uk/accessstoleeds

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