



French

The discipline of French forms part of the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures at NUI Galway. French is offered on a number of programmes, including the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts (International), Bachelor of Commerce (International) and the Bachelor of Corporate Law. French is also available as an option on the Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology) and the Bachelor of Engineering programmes.

Knowledge of the language, literature, thought and artistic heritage of France and French-speaking countries provides cultural and personal enrichment and helps you to function with confidence as informed citizens of Europe.

Course Facts

Title:	Bachelor of Arts (International)	Bachelor of Commerce International (French)	Bachelor of Corporate Law (French)
CAO Code:	GY101	GY202	GY250
Entry points (2010):	355	470	390
Duration:	4 years	4 years	4 years
Average intake:	1,000 (Arts omnibus entry)	15	65 (Corporate Law omnibus entry)
Entry Requirements:	Minimum Grade HC3 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at H or O Level in the Leaving Certificate, including: Irish, English, another language, and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.	Minimum Grade HC3 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at H or O Level in the Leaving Certificate, including: Irish, English, another language, Maths and two other subjects recognised for entry purposes.	Minimum HC3 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at H or O level in the Leaving Certificate including: Irish, English, another language, Mathematics and any two other subjects recognised for entry purposes.
Additional Requirements:	HC1 in French	HB3 in French	None



How can I study French?

Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Arts (International)

First year Bachelor of Arts students take four subjects, French combined with three other subjects. Subjects are organised in seven groups and not more than one subject may be taken from any one group. In second and final year BA, students study two subjects, one of which is French. Students on the four-year BA (International) spend the third year studying both their subjects in a French or Belgian university. The BA courses cover literature, linguistics and culture in France and the Francophone world.

Bachelor of Commerce (International)

The B.Comm. International programme is of four years duration, year three being spent at a third-level business school or University in France. Core modules focus on Culture, Civilisation, Business, Legal & Current Affairs. Continuous assessment, participation, project work and essays are integral parts of this course which seeks to complement the subjects being taken in the mainstream Commerce areas. Students graduating with a B.Comm. (French) have a double major, business with a language.

Bachelor of Corporate Law / Civil Law

The four-year Bachelor of Corporate Law programme involves the study of legal and commercial subjects as well as the option to study French in each year of the programme and during your year abroad on Erasmus. The aim of the programme is to prepare students for careers as corporate lawyers in business at home or abroad in French-speaking countries. Students on the Bachelor of Civil Law programme may also take French as an option.

Third Year / Erasmus

Students on the BA International spend one year at a French-speaking university in France or Belgium after their Second Arts year at NUI Galway. Alternatively, students who successfully complete an academic year abroad as an English Language Assistant under an approved programme (after their second Arts year) are also awarded the BA International. Students return to the final year of their degree with a greater knowledge and understanding of the language and culture of the host country.

Career Opportunities

Apart from the traditional career opportunities in teaching, business and the civil service, graduates use their degree in French to find employment in a variety of situations, both in Ireland and abroad, in areas such as administration, communications, computing, informatics, journalism, marketing, translation or interpreting.

Find out more

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What our students say...

Anne Molloy
Graduate BA Arts (International) 2010

"I always loved French at school, so I decided to continue studying the language in college. And I'm so glad I did – my experience of studying French at NUI Galway has been really enjoyable and rewarding. Classes are small so there's a really friendly atmosphere and it's easy to get to know your classmates. There's also the possibility of studying French through Irish, which I chose, and loved it. The lecturers are lovely and I found that the door was always open if I had any queries or concerns. As for the courses, there's a lot of choice, whether you're interested in literature, film, history or modern culture, and the year I spent in France on Erasmus was the best year of my life – it's such a fantastic opportunity! I'm going back to spend another year in France as a language assistant in the University of Lille, which the French Department helped me to organise, and after that I plan to do a masters in translation. I'm quite sad that my time at NUI Galway has come to an end, but I'm really happy with my degree and excited to return to France."

Did you know

Due to the ever-increasing importance of trade and business links with French-speaking countries, there are many more employment opportunities for graduates, both in Ireland and abroad.