

**Kingston  
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# French BA(Hons)

joint honours (minor field)

■ FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Studying French as a minor field at Kingston is an exciting opportunity to become a graduate 'with a difference'. You will develop excellent language skills and be noticed for your ability to move with ease and confidence between different cultural environments.

Flexibility is a key feature of the French course at Kingston University. You can begin the course with a GCSE pass at grade A-B, or an A-Level or equivalent standard in French.

## Our programme

The French minor field at Kingston University offers you an exciting opportunity to study a language in combination with another subject. A good working knowledge of French will both complement and enhance your specialist area of study and open up new perspectives in researching your subject.

You will learn to:

- understand both written and spoken French and use it accurately and fluently;
- communicate confidently in French in a range of different social, academic and professional situations;
- move effectively and with precision between French and English; and
- appreciate aspects of French society and operate in a French cultural context.

A highlight of the course is the opportunity to study at a French university. You may choose to spend one semester in one of our partner universities in Lyon and Angers. We have longstanding links with these institutions and will arrange your placement.

## Teaching and support

The teaching quality of languages programmes at Kingston University is excellent. The Higher Education Funding Council for England awarded Kingston's modern languages courses 21 out of a maximum 24 points for teaching quality. Pastoral care and academic support during your course are also a high priority for staff.

You will learn French through interactive classes, seminars and workshops, and be assessed in a wide variety of ways, including take-home assessments, portfolios, oral presentations, as well as some examinations.

## Language resources

During the course of your studies, you will have access to the University's online learning management system, StudySpace, and to a state-of-the-art language laboratory containing 26 networked multimedia PCs, which provide an excellent teaching and learning environment.

## Why study French at Kingston University?

- This course enables you to study French as a minor field alongside another subject of your choice.
- You will become fluent in written and spoken French.
- You will also gain an understanding of the French culture, enabling you to appreciate all aspects of French society.
- You will have the opportunity to perfect your French by studying abroad at a French university.
- The teaching quality of Kingston's language programmes has been rated 'excellent' in government assessments.

## Careers

Being able to speak other languages is a skill that gets you ahead. This is because some of the qualities which are highly valued by employers, such as the ability to communicate effectively, personal organisation, flexibility, analysis, presentational skills, autonomy and teamwork skills are firmly embedded in the French degree course at Kingston University.

French graduates from Kingston University have gone into a wide range of careers:

- Business services
- Human resources
- Retail companies
- Social services
- Working in libraries
- Teaching in the UK and abroad
- Translation work
- Banking and finance
- Manufacturing industries
- Travel and tourism
- The civil service
- Publishing
- International organisations
- Marketing consultancy



## What you will study

Examples of the modules currently offered are shown below. The number of modules taken each year and the choices available may vary from year to year as the course structure is reviewed and refined. French modules are studied in combination with another (major field) subject of your choice. Typically, you will take three to four modules in French.

### Year 1

In Year 1 you will study language modules at post-GCSE or post-A-Level standard, depending on your prior learning.

#### French Foundation Language Modules 1a and 1b (for post-GCSE students)

Language classes will include a wide range of activities, enabling you to extend your French vocabulary and consolidate the language structures acquired at GCSE. You will also become familiar with aspects of contemporary life and culture in France. By the end of the year you will be able to communicate well and with confidence in everyday situations.

#### French Foundation Language Modules 2a and 2b (for post-A-Level students)

Language classes will include a wide range of activities, enabling you to develop your competence in French beyond A-Level in all the language skill areas. You will also acquire the necessary tools and strategies to become a competent language learner. In addition, you will become familiar with aspects of contemporary life and culture in France.

#### French Grammar and Vocabulary

This module will help you develop strategies to support your independent learning of grammar and vocabulary. It incorporates grammar and vocabulary units online and regular workshops.

#### Introduction to Language and Communication

This module will introduce you to the terminology you need as a language learner to describe language, as well as provide you with a broad overview of key issues in this domain. You will gain an insight into different views about the nature of language, its basic building blocks (sounds, words, clauses, sentences) and the ways people use language to communicate and interact with others.

#### Kingston Language Scheme

All students may substitute a non-core module from their major field of study for a language module from the Kingston Language Scheme (KLS). This scheme provides a unique opportunity to incorporate another language into your programme of studies. As well as French, we offer modules in Arabic, German, Spanish, Italian, Japanese and Mandarin Chinese. You can learn a new language from the beginning or continue with the study of a language you have previously learned. Each module is credit-rated and will count towards your degree.

### Year 2

In your second year, you will continue to study French language. Modules on offer include:

- French language 1
- French language 2
- Identités contemporaines

#### Semester abroad

In the second year, you can also spend a semester studying in France. The opportunity to live and study in a foreign country is a distinct advantage, and we aim to make your time in France as beneficial and enjoyable as possible. The prospect of spending time abroad constitutes, for many students, one of the main reasons for choosing the course.

It will enable you to familiarise yourself with aspects of French culture, to speak and write more fluently in a variety of registers, and will help you to manage your own learning more effectively.

The Languages Department has excellent links with a number of French universities. You will be allocated to one of the following universities:

- Lyon 2
- Lyon 3
- Angers

The number and selection of courses you take will be agreed between your Kingston tutors and the French university. They will normally include language courses and courses relating to your major specialism.

The courses you take at the foreign university are credited and they are compulsory.

### Year 3

You will continue to develop your language skills to a high level during your final year. By the end of your studies you will be a fluent communicator, confident in both spoken and written French, and will possess the skills necessary to operate in a professional environment both in this country and abroad.

In addition to language classes, you will also be able to choose another module, for example Débats, discussions et communication.

## Centre for Academic Skills and Employability (CASE)

CASE offers students from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences one-to-one help with their studies, supporting both undergraduate and postgraduate students with:

- researching and presenting;
- structuring and editing traditional academic writing;
- structuring and editing multimedia texts;
- referencing; and
- music theory.

CASE also provides a range of resources to enhance employability, including help with writing CVs, application forms and preparing you for interviews. Results show that students who use the centre are significantly more likely to complete their degree. As they are better equipped to act on feedback, they also tend to do better in their studies.



Want to know more?  
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## French staff

You will be taught by a team of language experts who are all active researchers in their field. These research interests inform teaching on the degree.

**Noelle Brick** specialises in French and English linguistics and sociolinguistics; in particular, language and gender and varieties of French.

**Dr Catherine O'Brien** specialises in comparative literature, French film and gender studies.

**Devyani Vyas** specialises in politics during the Fifth Republic; terrorism in France; the Algerian War; the events of May '68.

"Our emphasis on teaching subjects relevant to the world today, and producing graduates able to make a positive contribution to that world, makes the educational experience on offer in our Faculty at Kingston unique among universities in the United Kingdom."

**Professor Martin McQuillan**  
Dean of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences



## Entry requirements

### Typical offer

French requirements: 80 points at A-Level in French or 40 points at AS-Level or GCSE French grade A-B.

Please see your chosen major field for full entry requirements.

### Further requirements for combinations

Please see the course webpage for details.

### International students

All non-UK applicants must meet our English language requirements. For this course it is IELTS of 6.5 overall, with special conditions for students who require a Tier-4 student visa. Please make sure you read our full guidance about English language requirements on our course webpage, which includes details of other qualifications we'll consider.

### Other entry routes

- Access course.
- International applicants and mature applicants with relevant qualifications are welcomed.

## Joint honours combinations

You can combine your study of French with a major field in a wide variety of subjects in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences:

- Business/International Business
- Criminology
- Drama
- Economics (Applied)
- English Language & Communication
- English Literature
- Environmental Studies
- Film Studies
- History
- Human Rights
- International Relations
- Journalism
- Media & Cultural Studies
- Politics
- Psychology
- Television & New Broadcasting Media

## UCAS codes

For UCAS codes, please see the course webpage.

## Open days

Several open days are held each year. Please contact the admissions office or visit the University website for more details.  
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## Contact details

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