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HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day

Come to Berkeley's annual **Open House** in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more. Attend a sample French class and lecture by French faculty, and talk to students who share your enthusiasm for French.

Golden Bear Orientation

Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley **orientation** program for all new students. Ask the **French Academic Advisor** about your first/next step in French.

Events

Attend department events with students, staff, and faculty. Visit **french.berkeley.edu** for news and updates or email **frendept@berkeley.edu** and ask to receive department email announcements.

ADVISING

Students can drop-in to 4118 Dwinelle Hall to speak with the French Undergraduate Academic Advisor or email questions to **frendept@berkeley.edu**. You can also schedule an appointment to meet with the advisor or call (510) 982-6181.

Advising Drop-In Hours

Tuesday - Thursday, 9am-12pm, 1-4pm

Visit **ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps** for the latest version of this major map.

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FRENCH

Bachelor of Arts



INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The **French** major opens the door to understanding the language and cultural production of France and the French-speaking world. Majors advance their oral and written competency in French through studies of linguistics, translation, film, and literature. Courses in the French department emphasize the ties between language and the arts on the one hand and history, politics, race, and gender on the other. Students of French bring the insights developed through contact with this famously rich culture to a critical appreciation of their own.



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The analytical and critical thinking skills I acquired studying French have helped me across varied workplaces and different countries.

- Maria Jelvis, French alumna

WHO STUDIES FRENCH

The French major interests students desiring a general humanistic education based on the language and literature of the French-speaking world; students planning to teach French at the elementary or secondary level; students who intend to pursue graduate work in preparation for teaching and research at the college level; and students preparing for careers in such areas as law, business, or government service, which require both training in a major foreign language and/or a general background in a humanistic discipline.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Immerse yourself in French language with UC Study Abroad in France and Senegal or Berkeley Summer Abroad in Paris.
- Build skills in a Berkeley Global Internship in Paris.
- Complement your studies with a secondary field like Linguistics, Global Studies, Political Science, Political Economy, Art History, English, Molecular and Cell Biology, or Media Studies.
- Find out about **France for the Pre-Med**.

FRENCH

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DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

Attend career and graduate school fairs.



	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
Explore ,				
your major	Read placement guidelines and enroll in a French language course.	Complete the lower division prerequisite French language sequence.	Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor .	Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
	Ask about French courses for first-year	Enroll in the prerequisite course FRENCH	Focus on upper division requirements .	Complete any "bucket list" courses.
	students. Meet with your major and college advisor to	102: Writing Skills in French and meet with the major advisor to declare the major.	Review study abroad courses that satisfy French major requirements.	Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
	discuss your academic plans.	Review major guidelines for study abroad .	Ask your major advisor about the French	Complement your major with a certificate ,
	Review major and college requirements.		honors program.	course thread, or summer minor.
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and build community	Get French tutoring through the French department tutoring program.	Join a French cultural student organization such as Le Cercle Francais of Berkeley .	Volunteer as a student officer in Le Cercle Francais of Berkeley .	Practice your language skills while helping others learn in the SLC Language Exchange Program .
	Get 1:1 mentoring from graduate students with Berkeley Connect .	Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.	Represent the French department at Cal Day. Explore the French Studies Program .	Get support for your thesis project in the Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop .
	Find conversation exchange groups at the	Enroll in FRENCH 197 to become a French		Connect with alumni groups such as French Alumni at Berkeley and build your network as you prepare to graduate.
	Student Learning Center	tutor.		
	Explore the Berkeley Language Center .	Attend guest lectures in the department.		you prepare to graduate.
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your passions	Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course .	Take a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.	Find out about the Mousseau Prize for Undergraduate Work in French.	Teach your own DeCal course .
	Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research	Assist faculty in their research through URAP .	Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to th	Undertake an optional honors thesis or independent study.
	and Scholarships.	Check out the URAP in European Studies .	Haas Scholars Program or SURF.	Keep pursuing your interests through a
	Explore the scholarly and leisure reading		Curious about entrepreneurship? Enroll in	fellowship or gap year after graduation.
	materials at the Library of French Thought .		HUM120: Entrepreneurship for All.	
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locally and globally	Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.	Immerse yourself in French with Berkeley Summer Abroad in Paris .	Immerse yourself in France and Senegal through UC Study Abroad .	Hone your leadership skills with the Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program .
	Find service opportunities through the Public	Contribute to a community organization with	Get international work experience with a	Explore service opportunities after graduation,
	Service Center.	an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship	Berkeley Global Internship in Paris.	such as Peace Corps, Teach for America, or
	Explore study, internship, and research abroad	course.	Find out about France for the Pre-Med .	U.S. Department of State.
	options in France with Berkeley Study Abroad .	Look into study abroad scholarships and the French department Flight Fund .	Get research and work experience in France	Consider teaching abroad with the Teaching Assistant Program in France .
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and plan your future	Visit Berkeley Career Engagement and the Career Counseling Library.	Discuss career options and goals with a Career Educator .	Learn about career fields and conduct informational interviews .	Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.
	Develop a plan for getting career ready.	Shadow alumni during a winter externship .	Ask about French department "Professional	Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other
	Set up a Handshake account and sign up for	Learn about graduate and professional	Pathways" events.	opportunities.
	CareerMail.	school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.	Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.	Join the French Department LinkedIn network to connect with French alumni.
	Create or update your resume and LinkedIn	Think about doing an internship and attend an	Attended and and death and follows	Confident Married and Mills

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

Jobs and Employers

Advancement Assoc., French Intl. Sch. Annual Fund Supervisor, L.A. Opera Comms. Specialist, UN Women Computational Linguist, MITRE Content Manager, Air France Executive Briefing Manager, Oracle Interpreter, Cordon Bleu, Paris Invest. Banking Anlst., Goldman Sachs Lawyer Marketing Specialist Philanthropy Specialist, Mercy Fdn. Physician Planning Assoc., City of Los Angeles Public Health Professional PR Coordinator, Yerba Buena Center Res. Asst., MD Anderson Cancer Ctr. Software Engineer, Amazon, Yelp Teaching Asst., Teaching Asst. Pgm. Fr.

Graduate Programs

Technical Recruiter, Bloomberg Translator & Précis Writer, UN

Business, Masters
Art History, PhD
French, Masters and/or PhD
International Public Mgmt., Masters
Law, JD
Linguistics, PhD
Medicine, MD
Public Health, Masters
Public Policy, Masters
Secondary Educ. & Teaching, Masters

Examples gathered from the July 2019 French Department LinkedIn network and the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

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