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# *French*



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# Subject Overview

The Discipline of French forms part of the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures at University of Galway. French is offered on a number of programmes, including the Bachelor of Arts (Joint Honours), BA (Global Experience), BA (Global Languages) and Bachelor of Commerce (International) French is also available as an option on the Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology) and the Bachelor of Law (BCL) programmes listed below.

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.

<b>Course Name:</b>	Bachelor of Arts (International) / Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience)	Bachelor of Arts (Global Languages)	Bachelor of Commerce International (French)	Bachelor of Civil Law / Law (BCL) and Business / Law (BCL) and Human Rights / Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice / Law (BCL) and Taxation	BSc (Biotechnology with French)
<b>CAO Code:</b>	GY101 / GY129	GY128	GY202	GY251 / GY250 / GY252 / GY254 / GY253	GY304
<b>Duration:</b>	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years
<b>Entry Requirements:</b>	Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate, including Irish, English, another language and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.	Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate. H4 in a modern language other than Irish and English, and two other subjects recognised for entry purposes.	Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/O7 level in the Leaving Certificate, including: Irish, English, another language, Maths and two other subjects recognised for entry purposes.	Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate including Irish, English, another language, Mathematics*, and any two other subjects recognised for entry purposes.  *minimum grade O6/H7 Mathematics required for GY250 & GY253	Minimum H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/O7 level in the Leaving Certificate including: Irish, English, another language, Mathematics, a laboratory science subject, i.e. Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Physics with Chemistry (joint) or Agricultural Science and any two other subjects recognised for entry purposes.
<b>Additional Requirements:</b>	None	Minimum H4 in a modern European Language other than Irish or English	Minimum H3 in French	None	Minimum O2/H6 in modern European language



### **Third Year / Erasmus**

Students on the BA (Global Experience) spend one year at a French-speaking university in France or Belgium after their Second Arts year at University of Galway. Alternatively, students on the BA (Global Experience) can opt to spend their year abroad as an English Language Assistant under an approved programme. Students return to the final year of their degree with a greater knowledge and understanding of the language and culture of the host country. Similarly students studying on the BA (Global Languages) programme will have the opportunity to go abroad for their third year.

### **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.

### **What Our Students Say**

"I always enjoyed French at school and was determined to continue with it after the Leaving Cert. For me, studying French at University of Galway meant I would develop skills that were invaluable in many professions, although, during my year abroad, I realised that I ultimately wanted to teach. My classmates and I studied a diverse and exciting course covering novels, film, poetry, media, autobiographies, translation, linguistics, history and culture. Some opted to study French through Irish, which meant they benefited from improving in two languages. The French department encourages you every step of the way; from supporting you in your third year Erasmus /assistantship, to offering graduates placements in partner universities in France. Erasmus was the best year of my life. I now have friends in France, Germany, Italy and Poland. French is our common language and we communicate daily on social media. I went on to complete the Professional Master of Education at University of Galway to teach others the language I am passionate about. Many of my classmates pursued postgraduate programmes in translation, publishing, or teaching; some are employed in tourism, while one even works in Human Resources at Microsoft Ireland. And it all began with a French degree from University of Galway!"

-Leigh Michael Keeney (Student)

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## How Can I Study French:

### **Bachelor of Arts (International) / Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience)**

First year Bachelor of Arts students take French combined with a variety of other subjects from a wide choice available across the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies. In second and final year BA, students study two subjects, one of which is French. Students on the four-year BA (Global Experience) 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 Arts (Global Languages)**

This degree is offered to students who wish to achieve a high level of competence in at least two languages. You can choose from French, German, Irish, Italian and Spanish. French and Irish are available at post-Leaving Cert level, Italian is available at beginner's level, while German and Spanish are available to both beginners and post-Leaving Cert students. This innovative language programme also offers additional minors in Translation and Linguistics, Media and Technology, and Cultural Studies, allowing for increased specialisation in these strands over the course of the four-year programme. Students spend their third year studying in a third-level institution abroad or on an approved placement overseas.

### **Bachelor of Commerce (International)**

Commerce with French is a four-year programme, year three being spent in a third-level business school in France as part of the ERASMUS+ programme. Core modules focus on business, legal & current affairs. The development of excellent communication skills via a broad variety of teaching, learning and assessment activities is a key feature of this course which seeks to complement the subjects being taken in the mainstream Commerce areas. Students graduating with a BComm (International with French) have a double major, business with a language.

### **Bachelor of Civil Law / Law (BCL) and Business / Law (BCL) and Human Rights / Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice / Law (BCL) and Taxation**

Legal French is offered on the Bachelor of Civil Law, Law and Business, Law (BCL) and Human Rights, Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice, and Law (BCL) and Taxation programmes. The first-year course is designed to consolidate and develop existing language skills. Acquiring a specialised commercial vocabulary is an important aspect of the second-year course. Third year includes the option to study abroad on ERASMUS. The aim of these programmes is to prepare students for careers as corporate lawyers in business nationally or abroad in French-speaking countries.

## Find Out More

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