

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Room 333, Beveridge Arts Centre

The Department of Languages and Literatures offers programs in French Studies/Études Françaises, German Studies, and Spanish Studies/Estudios Hispánicos. Although departmental decisions rest with the department and its head, each section has its own coordinator and is responsible for administering its own programs. Students interested in studies or courses in the department, particularly for a major or a minor, should check both with the section coordinators and with the head (usually through the departmental secretary). Major programs are offered presently in all three sections. Business students with an interest in languages may take a BBA with Language program. Honours programs are only offered in French and in German.

Students with a keen interest in languages who already possess strong skills in French, German or Spanish may wish to consider pursuing a major in one language with a double minor in the two others. Please note that it is only possible to meet the requirements for this combination within four years if an appropriate choice of credits is made from the beginning of the first year. You should consult as early as possible with a member of the Department of Languages and Literatures if you are considering this course of study.

The Department reserves the right to place students at the level of study appropriate to their linguistic abilities.

FRENCH STUDIES/ÉTUDES FRANÇAISES

An official language of Canada and of numerous other countries around the world, French is a language currently used by many international organizations. The first language of many Canadians, it can be useful in fields as diverse as business, arts and culture, science and communications.

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in French

1. Fran 2013/2023, 2113/2123, 2713 or 3733, 4103, 4996
2. 3h from 3323, 3513, 3523, 3633, 3643, 4613 (Canadian)
3. 3h from 3133, 3203, 3213, 3333, 3353, 3703, 4503, 4713, 4813, 4823, 4913, 4923 (Fr. Lit.)
4. 3h from 2033, 3013, 3023, 4003 (Adv. Lang.)
5. 15h at the 3000/4000 level, with a minimum of 6h at the 4000 level (54h)
6. 6h chosen in consultation with the department

Bachelor of Arts with Major in French

1. 2013/2023, 2113/2123, 2713 or 3733
2. 3h from 3323, 3513, 3523, 3633, 3643, 4613 (Canadian)
3. 3h from: 3133, 3203, 3213, 3333, 3353, 3703, 4503, 4713, 4813, 4823, 4913, 4923 (Fr. Lit.)
4. 3h from 2033, 3013, 3023, 4003 (Adv. Lang.)
5. 15h at the 3000/4000 level, with a minimum of 6h at the 4000 level (45h)
6. 6h chosen in consultation with the department

Bachelor of Business Administration with Major in French

1. 2013/2023, 2113/2123, 2713 or 3733
2. 2003 Business French
3. 3h from: 3323, 3513, 3523, 3633, 3643, 4613 (Canadian)
4. 3h from: 2033, 3013, 3023, 4003 (Adv. Lang.)
5. 15h at the 3000/4000 level, with a minimum of 6h at the 4000 level (45h)

French credits are normally transferred from foreign study in the third or fourth year of the program. The option also exists to have a number of business electives done abroad.

Bachelor of Arts with Double Major in French

French as one major of a double major program requires the same specific courses as the major, plus 12h chosen at the 3000/4000 level, with a minimum of 6h at the 4000 level (42h). Some courses have been designed with specific double major programs in mind, although they are open to all qualified students. This is particularly the case with Fran 2033 (Français scientifique).

International exchanges and studies at a French-language university

It is strongly recommended that major, honours, and double major students spend the third year of the four-year program in a French-speaking university, in Québec or in France. Students may

take part in a program coordinated by the French Department of Dalhousie University and spend two semesters studying full-time in Dijon (France). Double major BBA/French students participate in a specific exchange program with Goupe ICN, a highly competitive school affiliated with the Université de Nancy (France), where they may obtain a DIM (Diplôme de Management International). Other options, however, are available for business students on an ad hoc basis. The French section will help students wishing to study elsewhere make the necessary arrangements. For English-speaking students intending to study in a French-language Canadian university (and especially in the case of immersion programs) government grants may be available (see Immersion Courses below).

Existing exchange agreements with the universities of Poitiers and Rouen in France make available two lecteur/lectrice positions per year for graduating students. These salaried positions provide a unique opportunity for well-qualified graduating students to enhance their formal academic training by spending a year working in France as a teaching assistant, gaining valuable first-hand experience of French life and culture.

Program of Proficiency in French

The goal of this program is to enable students to acquire a functional command of French by upgrading the four basic language skills over a four-year period. The program normally consists of 21h of French courses: 2013/2023, 2713 or 3733, 2153/2163, and 3153/3163, completed with a minimum grade of C-. In cases where advanced students are placed directly into Fran 3153/63, the requirement to take Fran 2153/63 will be waived. A comprehensive examination follows the termination of the last course in the sequence. A maximum of 6h may be transferred from another program.

The French Studies section provides the following special facilities, services or information for students who desire maximum access to a francophone environment.

Maison française--a special-status residence where students are committed to functioning in the French language. Applications to the Maison Française can be found online (on the French section website) or can be made directly through the secretary of Languages and Literatures

Immersion Courses--in the case of spring and summer immersion programs, 6h of elective arts credit may be granted by Acadia. These elective credits may in some cases be used to satisfy the arts core requirement. Please check with the French section for further information. Applications for bursaries normally have to be at the provincial Department of Education by February 15th of each year.

GERMAN STUDIES

German is an important language in the European context, where Germany continues to play a leadership role politically, economically and culturally. A major in German or the certificate of proficiency in German are valuable assets for careers related to trade, communication and tourism both inside and outside of Europe.

Language courses in the department range from the elementary to the advanced level. Aside from the language program, the German studies program offers seminars on all periods of German literature and culture both in English and German.

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in German

48h German and Germ 4996 (54h)

Bachelor of Arts with Major in German

A minimum of 42h in German

Bachelor of Business Administration with Major in German

A minimum of 42h in German

Program of Proficiency in German

The goal of this program is to provide students with an internationally recognized language certificate in German. Upon successful completion of their examination students will have achieved the language prerequisite to study at universities in a German-speaking country. Germ

1013, 1023, 2013, 2023, 2513, 2523, 3013/3023, plus a comprehensive examination. All courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C.

International exchanges and study at a German-speaking university

Students wishing to major or complete an honours program in German must successfully complete an approved course of study in Acadia's Year Abroad Program at the University of Freiburg or, in the case of business students, at the Fachhochschule Bielefeld. The department can supply further information about study in German-speaking countries. The department also sponsors a German "learn and work" program which allows students to spend a summer in a German-speaking country.

SPANISH STUDIES/ESTUDIOS HISPANOS

A study of Spanish may prepare students for such careers as the foreign service, commercial and cultural relations, interpreters and translators with governmental and international agencies, teaching, publishing, journalism, social work in Spanish-speaking communities and public relations. The Spanish program is designed to give the student an active, flexible command of the language, both oral and written, with emphasis on the different aspects of civilization and culture.

Bachelor of Arts with Major in Spanish

Span 1013, 1023, 2013, 2023, 2113, 2123, 24h Spanish electives (Span 3103/3023 is recommended) (42h)

Bachelor of Business Administration with a Major in Spanish

Span 1013, 1023, 2013, 2023, 2113, 2123, 24h Spanish electives (Span 3103/3203 is recommended) (42h)

See entry for the School of Business

Bachelor of Arts with Spanish as a Second Major

Span 1013, 1023, 2013, 2023, 2113, 2123, 18h Spanish electives (Span 3013/3203 is recommended) (36h)

Students with some knowledge of Spanish should check with the section coordinator to determine their entrance level.

International exchanges and study at a Spanish-speaking university

In each of the above programs, a minimum of one semester (15h) must be taken in Spanish at a Spanish-speaking university. Acadia has an exchange program with the Universidad de La Rioja, Spain; but students may choose a university in any Spanish-speaking country with the permission of the coordinator. The department will help students make the necessary arrangements for attending another institution.

Program of Proficiency in Spanish

This program provides students with an internationally-recognized certificate in Spanish. As well as completing the 24h required for the minor (Span 1013, 1023, 2013, 2023, 2113, 2123, 3103, and 3203) with a minimum grade of B-. Students will be required to pass an external examination.