French courses enable you to develop a high level of competency in language skills. Alongside language, you will also study French literature, culture, civilisation, history, politics and values allowing you to develop strong cultural awareness.

- Our specialist staff offer a unique range of courses from the Middle Ages to the present.
- The subject can be studied with a wide range of other languages.
- French can be studied with popular non-language subjects such as International Relations.
- Courses are designed and delivered with the guidance of a French language teaching fellow.

What will I study?

First year
The language courses, taught in French and English, are designed to consolidate and develop skills acquired in secondary school, and to increase fluency in the target language. Four literature texts – encompassing prose, drama and poetry – are studied per semester; these are read as a means of enhancing language learning and introducing you to wider issues of French and Francophone history and cultural identity. Teaching includes two-and-a-half hours of language per week (including one oral class with a native speaker), plus literature lectures and seminars.

Second year
The degree programme is taught primarily in French. It comprises a core language element and a choice of literature and civilisation courses which span the Middle Ages to the present day. Teaching includes two-and-a-half hours of language per week (including one oral class with a native speaker), plus literature lectures and seminars.

Third and fourth years (Honours)
We offer four consecutive language courses with an emphasis on communication skills, critical review and blog-writing, and translation. Oral classes involve debates, group presentations and bilateral interpretation. A wide range of classes in language, literature, intellectual history and twentieth- and twenty-first century culture, politics and society is also available. Courses include: translation studies, modern French thought, francophone African literature, the Enlightenment, and politics and propaganda in the Middle Ages.

We also offer dissertation options, allowing you to work on extended personal research with a specialist tutor to advise you.

Study abroad
You can choose to study abroad as part of your degree. French students also participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. Further information on page 133 and online: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Entry requirements
We consider all aspects of every application, including context, equivalent qualifications and the Personal Statement. Offers may be higher or lower than the grades stated here. See also page 169.

Qualifications must include an A in French.

SQA Highers: AAAAB
GCE A-Levels: AAB
International Baccalaureate Points: 36, including HL6 in French.

You are not only exposed to the works of iconic French authors like Flaubert and Maupassant but my favourite aspect about the French Department is the opportunity it gives its students to study in France. It’s an amazing opportunity to immerse oneself in the culture and to acquire a new appreciation for the language.

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