

5 Things to Know

1. Why study French at Dalhousie?

French is **an official language of Canada**. A major and growing Canadian and global language of education and research; culture and the arts; government and diplomacy; business and the media. Dal's French department offers a wealth of opportunities, including but not limited to: a student-friendly atmosphere, a broad range of courses, accessible professors, research opportunities, opportunities to study in a Francophone environment, a Cercle français for student writing support, and an active student society.

2. What courses are offered?

We offer classes to develop skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing French at all levels. Course topics include translation, lexicology, syntax, literatures of the 15th-21st centuries, world francophone literature, Québec literature and culture, cinema, and contemporary culture. We offer various degree options, including major, minor, honours and combined honours programs. French also makes an interesting combination with many other degree programs across the College of Arts and Sciences.

3. What kinds of jobs do people with a degree in French have?

A degree in French will be useful to anyone seeking a career in **education and academia, translation/interpreting, public relations, the civil service, journalism, publishing, tourism, business, the foreign service, international development, Canadian or international non-governmental organisations**. Knowledge of the French language greatly enhances your opportunities within Canada and abroad.

4. What international learning opportunities are available?

The department offers several different options for students who wish to extend their knowledge and improve their fluency in French by studying at universities abroad. There are also additional exchange opportunities administered by the International Centre. Current partnerships and opportunities include St Pierre et Miquelon, Bordeaux and Brussels. Limited bursaries are available.

5. Where to start?

Students are required to take our **Placement Test** before choosing their French courses.

Have a question? Email: french@dal.ca

The test can be found at: dal.ca/french

