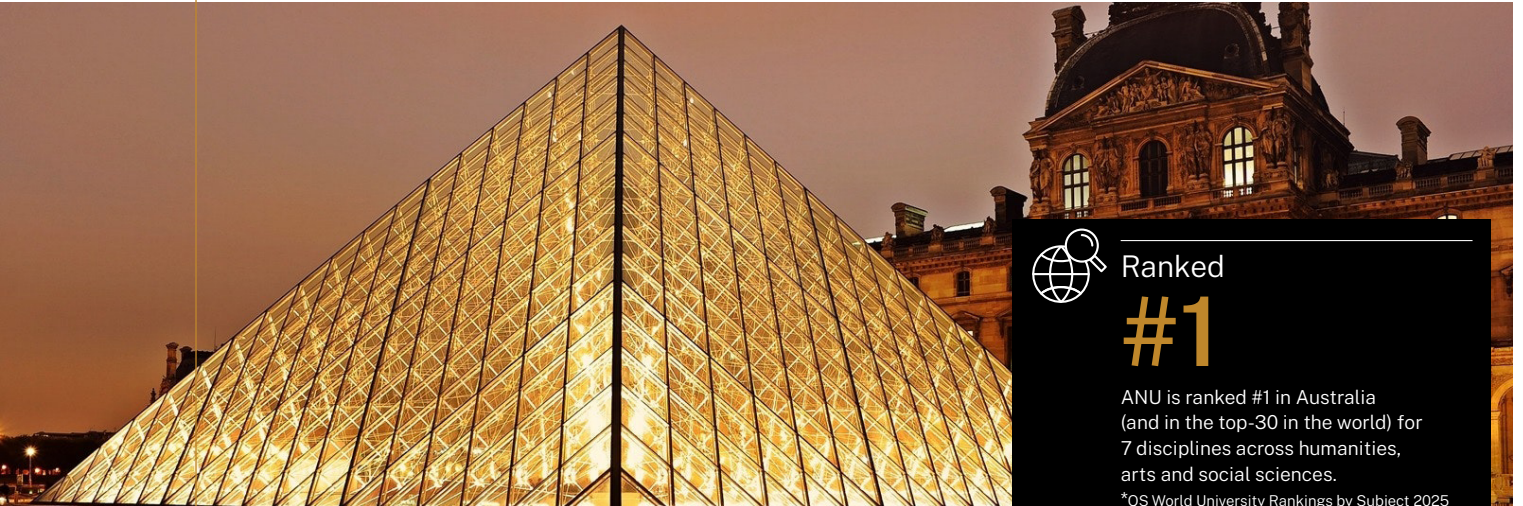




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French is one of the major languages of the world, spoken on all continents. The language of rich and diverse cultural traditions, French is also an official language of a great many international organisations.

Students in the French Program at The Australian National University (ANU) are exposed to the linguistic and cultural richness of France and other Francophone (French-speaking) societies. Our students not only acquire competence in the language, but also gain different perspectives on a variety of subjects of global concern. French is spoken by people of many nationalities besides the French themselves. It is one of the languages of Africa, Europe, North America and the Pacific region.

In world affairs, France is influential as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council and as a leading power in the European Union. French culture has also given us eminent philosophers, writers and painters since medieval times, as well as film directors in the modern period.

In the Australian context, France has major business interests, particularly in the mining, electronics and viticulture sectors, and increasingly in banking

and finance, while French-Australian collaboration in scientific and industrial research is strong and growing. In 2012 Australia and France signed a 'New Strategic Partnership' which promotes closer relations in foreign affairs, defence and education.

French program staff integrate language learning with culture, politics, literature and topical issues in contemporary French-speaking societies, taking account of developments in second language acquisition and language teaching pedagogy. Proximity to French diplomatic missions and opportunities for exchange programs enhance the value of studying French at ANU.

Career Options

Students who study French Language and Culture are well prepared to enter the fields of foreign affairs, international relations, development, education, business, public relations, journalism, telecommunications, politics, and public and environmental affairs.

Study Exchange

We have exchange agreements with several French-speaking universities, including in the Pacific (Université de la Nouvelle Calédonie, Université de la Polynésie Française), with Switzerland (University of Geneva) and with France (Université Grenoble

Alpes, Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, Sciences Po and Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines).

Modern Learning Spaces

Many ANU language and culture classes are held in the Ethel Tory Centre, a teaching space designed to encourage collaborative learning and the use of technology as a valuable resource in language study.

Study Program

ANU offers an outstanding variety of programs that cater to those students interested in studying a language.

Courses are offered from beginners' to honours and postgraduate levels, and various enrolment options provide for different student needs.

Students may choose to study French within a Bachelor of Arts or within a specialised program such as the Bachelor of Languages, Bachelor of International Relations or Bachelor of International Security Studies. Students may also combine any of these Bachelor degrees with other degrees on offer at ANU through the Flexible Double Degree Program, including the Diploma of Languages.

French may be studied as a major (8 courses), a minor (4 courses), an advanced minor (4 advanced courses), or an elective (single courses).

Students who study French language and culture at ANU:

- Attain general fluency in oral and written expression as well as in aural and reading comprehension across a variety of different registers from everyday language use to academic language
- Can express themselves orally and in writing in different genres
- Gain substantial knowledge about Francophone culture, history, politics and society. They can interpret critically French and Francophone literary texts, film and other visual media
- Have strong intercultural awareness; they can critically compare and reflect on cross-cultural differences between Francophone and Australian cultures and/or their native culture.

Core language and culture courses are offered at several different levels:

- Introductory French
- Intermediate French
- Continuing French
- Advanced French

Later year thematic courses include:

- From Colonialism to Cinéma-monde: Films of the French-Speaking World
- Advanced French Topics (e.g. the Francophone Pacific)
- The Sounds of French: Phonetics and Pronunciation
- Global Paris: Culture, History and Identity in the French Capital
- Voyages littéraires : Literature in French



Emmanuelle

Bachelor of Arts (French Language and Culture) / Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy & Economics

My French Language and Culture major at ANU has allowed me to perfect my language skills from high school and deepen my understanding of French culture. Through the wide range of advanced courses on offer, I have had the chance to learn the international phonetic alphabet, study contemporary film and even visit the Swiss Embassy for an essay writing competition. The smaller class sizes, group work and regular lessons has meant that many of my university friends are from French.

Studying French at ANU has also opened doors outside of the classroom: working in a bilingual environment at the Alliance Française, doing a reading of a play at the local theatre in French and having a film review published for a competition run by ANU. Through an ANU exchange program, I am hoping to study in French at a French-speaking university for a semester.

Prizes and Scholarships

The School of Literature, Languages and Linguistics offers a variety of prizes and scholarships to students at an undergraduate, honours, and graduate level.

Visit our prizes and scholarships page to find out more: study.anu.edu.au/scholarships

Flexible Double Degrees

A French major as part of a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Languages can be combined with degrees in Law, Business or Science as part of the ANU Flexible Double Degree program.

For a full list of degree combinations see study.anu.edu.au/study-options/flexible-degree-options-anu

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