75+ programs offer the French Immersion Stream

Path to French Immersion

French Immersion Stream requirements

For full details, see immersion.uottawa.ca/en/requirements

We recommend that you take two courses in French per term to develop your French proficiency, meet the requirements and to receive a French Studies Bursary.

UNLIKE ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD

What you do

Study bilingually by taking 35% of your courses in French

Découvrir le monde francophone

Become more bilingual in your field of study

What you get

French Studies Bursary up to $4,000

Special immersion courses to help you transition to university in French

Submit written work in either French or English (in most classes)

Choose Pass/Fail grades for courses taken in French*

A truly bilingual experience

The University of Ottawa is the world’s largest French-English university.

26,000 in English

14,500 in French

2,500 in French immersion

70% of courses are offered in an inglés en francés

Our Students

15% did core French

13% did extended French

62% did French immersion

12% did other forms of French

French immersion students have better:

bilingual in your field of study

*Not available in the Faculty of Science and Faculty of Engineering

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La prochaine étape de votre parcours bilingue

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FACULTY OF ARTS

Art History
Communication
Environmental Studies
Geography
Grok and Roman Studies
History
Indigenous Studies
Medieval and Renaissance Studies
Music (BA / Music Studies)
Philosophy
Religious Studies
Second-Language Teaching
Theatre
Visual Arts (BA)

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

Computer Science (BSc)
Computer Science & Mathematics
Data Science (Mathematics) & Computer Science
Software Engineering (BASc)

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Food and Nutrition Sciences
Health Sciences
Human Kinetics (BHK and BScHK)
Nursing

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Anthropology
Anthropology and Sociology
Conflict Studies and Human Rights
Criminology
Criminology and Feminist and Gender Studies
Economics
Economics and Political Science
Economics and Public Policy
Environmental Studies
Gender Studies
Geography
Geography and Political Science
Geography and Public Policy
Geology
Geology and Physical Geography
Geomatics
Greek and Roman Studies
History
Indigenous Studies
International Development Studies
International Economics and Development
International Relations
International Studies
Jewish and Islamic Studies
Latin American Studies
Medieval and Renaissance Studies
Music (BA) / Music Studies
Philosophy
Political Science
Religious Studies
Second-Language Teaching
Theatre
Visual Arts (BA)

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Biochemistry
Biotechnology
Chemistry
Environmental Geoscience
Environmental Science
Financial Mathematics and Economics
Geology
Geology and Physical Geography
Mathematics
Physics
Physics and Electrical Engineering
Physics and Mathematics
Statistics

TELFAIR SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Accounting
Business Technology Management
Computer Science & Mathematics
Data Science (Mathematics)
Economics
Entrepreneurship
Finance
Healthcare Analytics
Human Resource Management
International Management
Marketing

Reserved in the Faculty of Engineering

Pathway to French immersion

January
Apply for a program taught in English with the French Immersion Stream.

March-April
Facilitate your application to start French Immersion in May.

Late-May
Receive your cohort information and contact us to choose courses appropriate for your level of French.

June-August
Follow the cohort plans.

September
Commence classes without delay?

French immersion students have better:

admission averages

university grades

graduation rates

satisfaction rates
THE SUPPORT YOU NEED

**Immersion Courses**
- High support if you are taking university courses in French.
- A 3-hour content course:
  - A regular course in biology, economics, history taught in French.
  - A Language teacher attends class with French immersion students.

**A 1.5-hour accompanying language course**
- Based on material in your content course.
- Designed to develop your network of bilingual students.

$1,000 BURSARY
Taking one content course plus the accompanying language course qualifies you for a French Studies Bursary worth $1,000 a year.

**Qualitative grades**
Peace of mind in courses taught in French.
- Choose a Pass/Fail grade instead of a numerical grade.
- Finding the right resources on campus.
- Focused on comprehension skills.
- 85% average.

**Explore the Ottawa-Gatineau region and its everyday life**
- Take up to eight courses with Pass/Fail grades.
- Apply your bilingualism to a CO-OP placement.
- Based on material in your content course.
- SATISFACTORY average.

**Academic Writing Centre**
- Designed to develop your network.
- 75% average.

**Faculty mentoring centres**
- Limited to 25 students to allow for more interaction.
- 85% average.

**Science Help Centre (math, physics, chemistry, biochemistry)**
- Based on material in your content course.
- SATISFACTORY average.

**Enrollment in French**
- 85% average.

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**Bursaries and scholarships**
- Automatic Scholarships at uOttawa
  - First year: Admission Scholarship
    - Receive up to $4,000, depending on your admission average.
  - Every year: French Studies Bursary
    - Receive $1,000 a year for taking two courses taught in French every term. (Up to $4,000)

**Bursaries worth $3,000 for your first year of study!**
- Until 2023, uOttawa will distribute hundreds of these bursaries* to new French immersion students. Be sure to apply!

**Étudiants Mentors à votre service**
- Our student mentors have been there themselves, so they understand what you’re thinking and feeling.
- They can help you with so many aspects of university.
- Our program is designed to get out of your comfort zone and immerse you in French language.
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  - Faculty mentoring centres.

**Three French immersion students’ journeys**

**Meaghan**
First-year student

- I chose the régime d’immersion dans l’espoir d’améliorer mon français et de découvrir beaucoup de professeurs a qui je souhaite avoir des astuces.
- At first, I was extremely overwhelmed. I doubted myself every time I went to class in French. I had trouble understanding the professors’ lectures. I had to put a lot more effort into the readings. But the immersion courses and the mentoring centre provided me with a base foundation of security, confidence and success.

**Noah**
Third-year student

- I chose to continue French immersion in university, since I wanted to use my bilingualism and have the ability to speak French in the workplace. More doors are open, pay is potentially higher, and it makes me more competitive compared to other candidates.
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**Michelle**
uOttawa French immersion graduate, 2019

- I came into the program totally afraid to speak in French, but this organization pushed me to get out of my comfort zone and immerse fully in the language. Now, more than half of the work in my current job is in French, and I feel like I have improved a lot in the past four years.
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**Besoins d’aide en français?**
- Academic Writing Centre
  - Conversation workshops.
  - French Second Language courses.
  - Course discussion groups.
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  - Faculty mentoring centres.

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**Concours d’art oratoire**
- Give a three to five minute speech in French. Awards: $4,000 to $12,000. Occurs throughout the school year. cpf.ca

**Take your French outside the classroom!**
- Explore the Ottawa-Gatineau region and its everyday bilingual life: libraries, restaurants, festivals, movies, plays, etc.
- Apply your bilingualism to a CO-OP placement.
- Volunteer opportunity at part-time job.
- Allfa étudiants en français lors d’un échange international!

**It pays to study in French**
- Earn up to $8,000 automatically

**Earn more with these high school contests!**
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* The French as a Second Language bursary program is administered by the Association des collèges et universités de la francophonie canadienne and Canadian Heritage as part of the Government of Canada’s commitment to bilingualism.

Bursaries and scholarships are reserved for Canadian students. International students are eligible for Differential tuition fee exemption.