UNLIKE ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD

What you do
- Study bilingually by taking 35% of your courses in French
- Découvrir le monde francophone
- Submit written work in either French or English (in most classes)
- Choose Pass/Fail grades for courses taken in French*

What you get
- French Studies Bursary up to $4,000
- Special immersion courses to help you transition to university in French
- Choose Pass/Fail grades for courses taken in French*

*A not available in the Faculty of Science and Faculty of Engineering

75+ programs offer the French Immersion Stream

FACULTY OF ARTS
- Art History
- Communication
- Environmental Studies
- Geography
- Greek 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)

JOINT HONOURS
- Communication & Political Science
- Communication & Sociology
- History & Political Science
- Mathematics & Economics
- Philosophy & Political Science
- Physical Geography & Geomatics

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
- Environmental Economics and Public Policy
- Environmental Studies
- Feminist and Gender Studies
- Feminist and Gender Studies and Political Science
- French and English
- French Studies
- History
- History and Political Science
- International Development and Globalization
- International Economics and Development
- International Studies and Modern Languages
- Political Science
- Psychology (BA and BSc)
- Public Administration
- Public Administration and Political Science
- Public Administration and Social Work
- Sociology

Path to French immersion

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

March–April
- Pass the Second Language Certification Test in French.

Late May
- Choose your courses. Contact us to choose courses appropriate for your level of French.

June–August
- Pratique ton français.

September
- Bienvenue à uOttawa!

French immersion students have better:

- bilingual proficiency in your field of study

French Immersion Stream requirements

- Take 14 or more courses taught in French
- Pass the Second Language Certification Test in French
- Pratique ton français

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.
Three French immersion students’ journeys

Meaghan
First-year student

J’ai choisi le régime d’immersion dans l’espoir d’améliorer mon français et de mincir besoin de souscrire en cours de français après mes études. At first, I was extremely overwhelmed. I doubted myself every time.I went to class in French. I had trouble understanding the professor’s lectures. I had to put a lot more effort into the readings. But the immersion courses and the mentoring centre provided me with a strong foundation of accuracy, confidence, and success.

Noah
Third-year student

I chose to continue French immersion in university, since I realized the benefits of being bilingual and having 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. Pour réussir, il est important de travailler fort, avec constance et détermination. Mon français, notamment à l’écrit, était en constante amélioration, et je m’entraînais aussi à enrichir mon vocabulaire. C’est exactement ce que j’espérais accomplir en m’inscrivant en immersion à l’Université d’Ottawa.

Michelle
uOttawa French immersion graduate, 2019

I came into the program totally afraid to speak in French, but this experience pushed me to get out of my comfort zone and embrace the language. Now, more than half of the work in my current job is in French, and I wouldn’t have imagined that four years ago. Mon meilleur conseil pour les élèves de secondaire : si vous avez le moindre doute, ne vous découragez pas. C’est à vous avant tout de temps à apprendre le français, persévérer encore quelques années. Ça vaut la peine.

Qualitative grades

Peace of mind in courses taught in French

- Choose a Pass/Fail grade instead of a numerical grade, it doesn’t count in your academic average.
- Take up to eight courses with Pass/Fail grades during your first two years of studies.

Note: Not available in the Faculty of Science

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:

- Nervousness about your French
- Class selection
- Tips for succeeding in courses taught in French
- Finding the right resources on campus
- Communication with professors

Contact them at mentor.imm@uOttawa.ca

Besoín d’aide en français?

- Academic Writing Centre
- Conversation workshops
- French Second-Language courses
- Course discussion groups
- Science Help Centre (math, physics, chemistry, biochemistry)
- Faculty mentoring centres

Write exams and assignments in French or in English!

Submit work in either language in most courses, except language courses.

Take your French outside the classroom

- Explore the Ottawa Gatineau region and its everyday bilingual life: restaurants, festivals, movies, pubs, etc.
- Apply your bilingualism to a Co-op placement, volunteer opportunity or part time job.
- Aix les étudiants en français lors d’un échange international!

It pays to study in French

**Earn up to $8,000 automatically**

**Bursaries worth $3,000 for your first year of study!**

**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)

**Concours de rédaction**

Write a 750-word essay in French.

Awards: $1,000 to $2,200

Deadline in December

french-future.org/programs/essay-contest

**Concours d’art oratoire**

Create a 30- to 90-second speech in French.

Awards: $4,000 to $12,000

Deadline in February

acpi.ca/contests/immersion-clp

**Concours national d’art oratoire**

Create a 30- to 90-second video in French.

Awards: $4,000 to $12,000

Deadline in February

 cpf.ca

**Earn more with these high school contests**

We’re proud to partner with organizations that promote French in high schools.

- Apply your bilingualism to a Co-op placement, volunteer opportunity or part time job.
- Aix les étudiants en français lors d’un échange international!

For complete details on scholarships and contests, immersion.ottawa.ca/en/contests-scholarships