What to do with a degree in **FRENCH**

Studying French will provide you with a multidisciplinary examination of French language, literature, culture, art and history. This program will allow you to improve your French communication skills while also discovering the Francophone world in all its variety. During the course of your studies, you’ll gain creative thinking skills, research and analytical capabilities, intercultural awareness, and the ability to fluently communicate in French.

**Key Skills & Knowledge**

**Understand French language** - Comprehensive knowledge of the French language: grammar and vocabulary; ensuring accuracy, conciseness and clarity of written information

**Language** - Aptitude for Language and Acquisition; Organized and Phonetics and ability to imitate sounds; Command of Grammar and Syntax; Understanding of Language Structures; Understand historical language change; Transition

**Editing skills** - seeing patterns in written information; extracting salient points

**Synthesis and Analysis** - Critical and analytical thinking: observation and decision-making; Interpretation; Literary Analysis

**Research skills** - information retrieval, presenting material in clear and easy to read written format; data collection; process and synthesize vast amounts of data and apply where relevant; clearly explain research results

**Cross-Cultural Communication** - Intercultural Awareness; Knowledge and appreciation of other cultures; Multi-Cultural Appreciation

**Public speaking and communication skills** - Ability to influence and persuade others

**Organization** - Organize and Memorize Detailed Information; able to meet deadlines

**Sample Job Titles**

- Alumni Programs Coordinator
- Bilingual Coding Specialist
- Broadcaster
- Buyer
- Certified Translator
- Communications Officer
- Community Interpreter
- Conference Interpreter
- Court Interpreter
- Customs Inspector/Officer
- Diplomat
- Editor
- ESL Teacher
- Foreign Services Officer
- Health Administrator
- Heritage Interpreter
- Hotel Manager
- Immigration Inspector/Officer
- Import/Export Manager
- Information Specialist
- International Business Consultant
- International Centre Coordinator
- International Student Advisor
- International Trade
- Interpreter
- Language Consultant
- Legal Terminologist
- Librarian*
- Market Research Officer
- Policy Analyst
- Proofreader
- Researcher
- Sign Language Interpreter
- Teacher/Professor
- Technical Writer
- Terminologist
- Textbook Publisher
- Tourism Officer
- Translator
- Travel Agent
- Website Designer

Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: [alis.alberta.ca/occinfo](alis.alberta.ca/occinfo)

**Need help deciding what to do?**

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. Request an assessment via [CareerLink](https://www.universityofcalgary.ca/careerlink).
**Associations & Professional Development**

Associations provide an opportunity for continued professional development. Many also offer networking opportunities and other events for their members.

- Association of Translators and Interpreters of Alberta [http://www.atia.ab.ca](http://www.atia.ab.ca)
- Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers: [http://www.casit.org](http://www.casit.org)
- Canadian Translators, Terminologists & Interpreters Council: [http://www.cttic.org](http://www.cttic.org)
- Literary Translators’ Association of Canada: [http://www.attlc-lltc.ca](http://www.attlc-lltc.ca)
- Modern Languages Association: [http://www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org)
- The American Association of Language Specialists: [http://www.taals.net](http://www.taals.net)
- The Canadian Language Industry Portal: [http://www.illi.ca](http://www.illi.ca)
- Translation Agencies Database: [http://www.translatorscafe.com](http://www.translatorscafe.com)

**Potential Industries**

Advertising/Marketing Agencies
Airlines, Airports, Cruise lines
Broadcasting Companies
Business Communications
Consulting Firms
Cultural Organizations
Culture and Recreation Education
Financial Institutions
Fundraising Firms
Government Departments
Immigration
International Agencies
International Business
Language Schools
Linguistics
Market Research Firms
Media (radio, television, magazines, newspapers)
Museums and Heritage
Non-Profits & NGOs
Oil & Gas
Policy & Planning
Post-Secondary
Private Sector
Public Relations
Publishing Companies
Theatre
Translation & Interpretation
Travel & Tourism

**Career Services**

Your future starts here

- Career Planning
- Job Search Support
- Resume Reviews
- Career Workshops
- Online Job Postings
- Career Fairs
- Networking Events
- Information Sessions
  & much more!

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[@HireUCalgary](https://twitter.com/HireUCalgary)

**Job Boards**

- Indeed: [https://ca.indeed.com/](https://ca.indeed.com/)
- Anne Whitten Bilingual Recruitment: [http://www.annewhitten.com/jobs.htm](http://www.annewhitten.com/jobs.htm)
- Bilingual Job Board: [http://www.bilingualjobboard.ca](http://www.bilingualjobboard.ca)
- Bilingual Source: [http://www.bilingualsource.com](http://www.bilingualsource.com)
- Job Bank: [http://www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca)
- Jobs in Alberta: [http://alberta.ca/home/jobs.cfm](http://alberta.ca/home/jobs.cfm)
- CareerLink: [careerlink.ucalgary.ca](http://careerlink.ucalgary.ca)

**Additional Resources**

Career Opportunities in Advertising and Public Relations, Shelly Field
Careers for Computer Buffs & Other Technological Types, Marjorie Eberts & Margaret Gisler
Careers for Foreign Language Aficionados Other Multilingual Types by H. Ned Steeyle
Careers in Foreign Languages by Blythe Camenson
Careers in International Affairs by Lisa Gihring
Good works: A Guide to Social Change Careers
Government Job Finder, Daniel Lauber
Great Jobs for Foreign Language Majors by Julie DeGalan
Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors by Camenson, Blythe
How to Get a Job in Education, Joel Levin
International Jobs, Eric Kocher

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**Student Clubs**
French club (Club Français): [ucclubfrancais@gmail.com](mailto:ucclubfrancais@gmail.com)

**Aligned Majors:**
Education, Linguistics and Language