ABOUT FRENCH STUDIES

Our program combines practical language tuition – which begins at your level (introductory, intermediate or proficient) – with the study of French culture, literature, philosophy and society. This is coupled with immersive exchange programs in French-speaking countries to build on what you learn on campus.

Why choose French Studies?
French is spoken in 42 countries over 5 continents. It is one of the five official languages of the United Nations and is used by important international bodies such as the World Health Organisation, the International Court of Justice, the OECD and the International Olympic Committee.

Learning French at Monash gives students access to a culture with a key role in the past, present and future development of western civilisation. Students develop a critical understanding of fundamental areas of French studies, such as literature, film, philosophy and politics.

What are some topics French Studies explores?
During your first year you will be introduced to the French language and culture through units such as:
» French Introductory 1
» French Introductory 2

In your second or third year of study (or if you have prior experience and knowledge) as well as language units there is a wider selection of units to choose from that may reflect your interests. Here are a few examples:
» France on film
» Contemporary French fiction: Rewriting identity
» Whatever happened to truth?: French literature, thought and visual culture
» French studies advanced
» Translating across cultures
» Cultural intelligence: Building competencies for global leadership

Career prospects
You will develop reading, writing and research skills appropriate to your level, leading to a high level of communicative competence in the French language, including translation skills. You will also develop a critical understanding of French literature, film, cultural studies, philosophy, politics and social sciences. Undertaking an extended major will provide greater depth and enhance your career opportunities.

The high level of cultural and linguistic competence acquired by studying French will prepare you for exciting career prospects both in Australia and abroad. Our graduates have entered careers in the following fields:
» Business, banking, insurance, marketing
» Import/export, food and wine
» Travel, tourism and hospitality
» Communications and media
» Public service, diplomacy, trade
» International organisations such as NGO’s
» Interpreting/translating
» Teaching

Overseas opportunities
You will have the exciting opportunity to study overseas with our exchange programs. Exchange agreements with the University of Lyon III, the University of Paris III, University of Tours, and the Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris allow for semester-length study abroad. There are also intensive summer-semester overseas study opportunities outside the exchange program. A range of scholarships and internship placements are available from the French government and grants are also available for overseas study through Monash Abroad.