

DEGREE IN FRENCH STUDIES (2024-25)

Curs:	Primer de Grau	Plan:	FP 24
Codi:	1000	Tipus:	Investigació i docència
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ÀREA:	Letres i Humanitats
PLAN:	DEPARTAMENT DE FRENCH STUDIES
TITULACIÓ:	DEPARTAMENT DE FRENCH STUDIES
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GENERAL AIMS

The fundamental aim of the degree course is to produce professionals with a linguistic, cultural and literary background, a comprehensive understanding of all areas related to French Studies, and the capacity to continue learning independently and to adapt to constantly-changing social, cultural and professional environments. In this regard, graduates in French Studies are qualified to work in a range of professional environments, including teaching and research, in the import/export departments of businesses, in public institutions and administration (EU organisations), and in publishing and communication, among others.

In order to produce professionals with this linguistic, cultural and literary background, the following general aims, which will later be divided into general and specific proficiencies, have been identified for the degree:

- To give a general philological training and a specific understanding of the linguistic, literary and cultural aspects of the French language.
- To provide the tools necessary for the specific study and understanding of different aspects of the French language, from a literary, linguistic and cultural perspective, through the acquisition of the techniques, tools and skills necessary to apply acquired learning to a range of fields.
- To produce flexible professionals with teaching and research skills together with a range of proficiencies related to international relations, communication, new technologies and the new roles demanded by contemporary society in the field of French Studies.
- To prepare students for subsequent post-graduate studies, whether in philology or in other areas of knowledge where a solid training in French Studies could be an advantage.

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CREDIT STRUCTURE OF THE DEGREE COURSE

Subjects in the Degree in French Studies, each worth 6 European ECTS credits, are organized into semesters. Specifically, students are required to take 5 subjects each semester, to complete 30 credits per semester and 60 credits per year, for a total of 240 credits over four years. In order to make the course compatible with other activities, students are allowed to take a part-time course consisting of 30 credits per academic year.

DISTRIBUTION OF CREDITS PER SUBJECT TYPE

Subject type	Credits
Core (6)	60
Complementary (6)	180
Optional (6)	30
Final Project	6
Total credits	240

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE PROGRAMME

The course programme is organized into modules and units. Each module consists of one or several units encompassing related contents and learning and assessment methods, which units may be composed of one or more subjects. Subjects comprise discrete content matter, which may or may not be integrated. This structure is in accordance with the aims and proficiencies defined for the degree. The course programme comprises a total of 240 credits. This covers all the theoretical and practical knowledge which the student is expected to acquire, and includes fundamental aspects of the area of knowledge concerned, compulsory and optional subjects, seminars, work experience, supervised projects, the final project and other educational activities.

A total of 6 ECTS correspond to the core subjects that students must pass. All core subjects are related to several fundamental subjects in the area of the Arts and Humanities, as established in Annex I to Royal Decree 1303/2007, indicating the interdisciplinary nature implied by the objectives sought through the degree course.

- These core subjects (Language, Literature, Linguistics, Modern Language) are each worth 6 credits, and are taken in the semesters comprising the first half of the course (first and second years). They are indicated in the course programme by the initials FB (Fonament bàsic - core).
- A further 144 ECTS correspond to compulsory subjects, related to Classical Languages, Literature and Modern Languages, and pertaining to the area of the Arts and Humanities, as established in Annex II to Royal Decree 1303/2007.
- There is also a compulsory Final Project, worth 6 credits, which is undertaken during the final phase of the course programme (4th Year). This is aimed at assessing the student's acquisition of the proficiencies associated with the degree.
- The remaining 30 ECTS credits correspond to the optional subjects which the student must choose, and which represent a complementary education. Although these credits are also related to the area of the Arts and Humanities, as established in Annex I to Royal Decree 1303/2007, none of the optional subjects comprise core subjects.
- Work experience is also worth 6 credits, and is undertaken in the first year, together with the optional subjects. The skills and assessment systems for these optional subjects coincide with those for compulsory studies.

The Degree (Grado) in French Studies shares an educational structure common to the University of Alicante Degrees in Catalan Language and Literature, English Studies, Spanish Language and Literature, and Arabic and Islamic Studies, known as the "Degree Foundation Programme", in accordance with the University of Alicante regulations regarding the implementation of Degrees, which stipulate a common basis with later progressive diversification leading to the different degree qualifications. Thus, French Studies, Catalan Language and Literature, English Studies, Spanish Language and Literature and Arabic and Islamic Studies include 60 shared credits which comprise the interdisciplinary module, taught in the first and second years of the degree and including subjects which are not specific to French Studies. The reasons for structuring the course programme in this way lie in the need for an interdisciplinary approach to Language and Literature degrees and for diversified academic learning in non-specialised areas as a basis for, and complement to, a later education in French Studies.

Specialisation in the Degree in French Studies is addressed in the second module, consisting of 150 credits taught in 4 specific units: French Language (13 subjects, 78 credits), French Literature (8 subjects, 48 credits), French Culture (3 subjects, 18 credits), and the Final Project (1 subject, 6 credits). In line with the distinctive nature of this degree, this module is taught over the four academic years comprising the degree programme. The third and final module of the Degree in French Studies is the Complementary Module. This module, worth 30 credits, enables students to choose one of the 8 optional units offered: Spanish Studies, Catalan Language and Literature, English Studies, French Studies, Arabic and Islamic Studies, Classical Studies, General Linguistics, Literary Theory and Comparative Literature. Each of these units comprises a discrete group worth 30 credits, containing subjects specific to the unit title, and are taken in the first year of the degree course. Students also have the option of undertaking Work Experience instead of one of the 5 subjects in each of the 8 units offered.

When an optional unit other than French Studies has been chosen, the subject of this optional unit will then be classified as a "subsidiary subject" in the degree. The classification of "subsidiary subject" is reached by adding the 30 complementary module credits to the credits obtained for this subject in the interdisciplinary module (between 12 and 24 credits), leading to a possible overall range of between a minimum of 42 and a maximum of 54 credits.

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS AND ROUTES

Take the optional forms:

NO ROUTE (Table 1)

- 30 credits of electives.
- 24 credits of electives and up to 6 credits for participation in university activities, cultural, sports, student representation, solidarity and cooperation.
- Up to 30 credits for participation in mobility programs.

WITH ROUTE (Table 2)

You have to take between 42 and 54 credits of the same material other than your degree. It will therefore be necessary to obtain an itinerary, plus take 30 elective credits chosen field, have completed or to complete a minimum of 12 credits in the same subject in first and second grade.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Students who study an undergraduate degree at the University of Alicante must complete a minimum level of B1 in a foreign language (B1 is recommended) in order to obtain the diploma.

The required language level is in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

The language accreditation requirement can be obtained previously or at any time during university studies. However, the language requirement will be necessary in order to assess the final year project.

The different ways of obtaining such language requirement can be consulted in the additional information in this section.

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LANGUAGE TEACHING COMPETENCE CERTIFICATE

Students who want to take a course in the university teaching their studies are recommended to obtain the teaching competence certificate (certificate under foreign languages).

The certificate can be obtained by taking specific courses in your university studies or by taking the BA teaching competence course in Valencià, German, French and English.

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FINAL YEAR PROJECT (TFG)

All the official undergraduate degrees must be completed by preparing and defending a final year project, which must be done in the final phase of the studies and be aimed at the assessment of competences associated to the degree.

The final year project must be an original, independent and personal work. The evaluation of it may be individual or coordinated. Each student will prepare the project under the supervision of a tutor, allowing students to show the relevant content of an integrated study, as well as the required competences associated to the undergraduate degree.

In order to register for the final year project, students must comply with the requirements established in the "Regulation for coordination guide for students registered in undergraduate degrees at the University of Alicante". Among the requirements established to be able to register in the final year project, a minimum of 180 credits must be passed in undergraduate degrees with a total of 240 credits, and a minimum of 228 credits in undergraduate degrees with a total of 300 credits or more.

In order for the final year project to be assessed, a B1 level of a foreign language (B1 is recommended) must be confirmed.

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Professions for which the degree qualifies its holders:

- Non-university and university teaching;
- Linguistic-literary research;
- Language promotion and specialist in linguistic planning;
- Linguistic-literary consultancy;
- Forensic linguistics;
- The media;
- Import/export departments in private business;
- The banking sector;
- Public administration;
- Linguistic and cultural mediation;

The linguistic, cultural and literary training offered by the Degree in French Studies qualifies its holders for professional activity in a range of fields, whether traditional (teaching and research) or other, more varied fields, which value the capacity of French Studies graduates to adapt to their social and economic environment. Graduates in French Studies can work in a range of environments, where their functions will include teaching, research, the creation and/or promotion of educational material, linguistic consultancy, publishing, cultural management and international relations, among others.

Professional profiles:

- **Teaching** in secondary schools, the Spanish Official Language School network, universities, private centres, language schools and on languages courses for businesses and public institutions;
- **Research** at universities, in healthcare, welfare, educational and other institutions and organisations, among others, and in companies involved in the systematic production and/or applied knowledge of French language, culture and literature (telephony, computer applications, linguistic tools associated with the production and understanding of language and speech);
- **Lexicography and terminology** in publishing houses or public organisations, in the compilation of general or specialist monolingual or specialised dictionaries;
- **Forensic linguistics** in public institutions and organisations (see school, state attorney's office, police), in private institutions (business) and with diverse professionals (judges, lawyers, psychologists, doctors);
- **Language promoter and specialist in linguistic planning** in cultural services, foundations, media, communication departments, public administration and institutions;
- **Specialist in text management and proof-reading** in publishing houses, in corporate and institutional environments, in the media and advertising;
- **Cultural mediator** in import/export departments of businesses, the tourist sector, study centres where immigrant students are present, in NGOs, the administration and other public organisations, health and welfare services, etc.;
- **Literary consultancy** in documentation (libraries, archives and communication centres), publishing (publishing houses, specialist publications, bookshops) and the media (press, radio, television, the Internet, documentaries, exhibitions, cultural programmes organised by public and private institutions);

IMPLEMENTATION

TIMESCALE

Academic Year	Implementation of the Degree in French studies	Phasing out of the former Degree (Licenciatura) in French Language and Literature	Final examination sessions corresponding to the former Degree (Licenciatura) in French Language and Literature
2016-2017	1st Year	1st Year	1st Year
2017-2018	2nd Year	2nd Year	2nd Year
2018-2019	3rd Year	3rd Year	3rd Year
2019-2020	4th Year	4th Year	3rd Year
2020-2021			3th Year and optional subjects

Once a course has been phased out, the subjects corresponding to the course will no longer be taught. Students who do not wish to take the new degree course subjects are entitled to sit four examinations in the two academic years following the end of each year. Any students wishing to continue their studies after sitting and failing these tests will be required to follow the new plan, according to the adaptation system established in the new plan.

Internal Quality Assurance System (IQAS) of the Title

- Structure of the Centre for Quality
 - [Internal Quality Assurance System \(IQAS\)](#)
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- [Quality Objectives](#)
- [Quality Management System](#)
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- [Quality Improvement](#)

Follow-up of the Title

- [Internal Quality Assurance System \(IQAS\)](#)
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Information about the Centre	General information for students
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faculty of Arts<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Telephone: 96 95 000 2448• Fax: 96 95 000 2649• Email: info@ua.es• Web: www.ua.es• Mobility Programmes• Visual resources with accessible and alternative• www.ua.es/uaes/uaes• General Action Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care and assistance• Accommodation• Degree information and calendar• Tuition• Language: English• Tuition• Scholarships for students with special needs• Student representation and elections• University student identity card (UEI)• University student questions
UA: General Regulations	Information about qualifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Degree regulations and procedures of the University of Alicante	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to apply for a degree in relation to qualifications• Information regarding• Video presentation of the degree