

FR201-30 Modern French Language II

23/24

Department

School of Modern Languages and Cultures

Level

Undergraduate Level 2

Module leader

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Credit value

30

Module duration

20 weeks

Assessment

10% coursework, 90% exam

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

This module will consolidate linguistic skills acquired in the first year and extend them through translation, writing, reading, speaking and listening activities.

A range of assessments will be offered for students to track and reflect on their progress through the provision of regular feedback. Students will also be provided with complementary autonomous learning activities and directed to appropriate activities for self-study in order to develop independent learning strategies.

[Module web page](#)

Module aims

The aim of this module is to encourage and enable students to build on the knowledge and competence in French language acquired in the first year, working towards the C1 goals of the CEFR. The module will be shaped around the four key skills: reading, listening, speaking and writing. It will hone and develop translation, writing and grammar skills, register awareness and vocabulary acquisition, both general and specialised.

Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be

covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

Advanced Grammar

Translation

Translation into French and translation into English building techniques and translation strategies at word, sentence and text level

Writing and Reading French

Essay – form, content, methodology

Formal letter– form, content, methodology

Analysis of set topics

Oral

listening comprehension exercises, role-plays (including simulated job interviews), presentations in pairs followed by debates, press reviews followed by debates allowing discussion, vocabulary and opinion-building

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- An advanced understanding of modes of written expression
- A solid command of advanced aspects of French grammar
- An advanced understanding of the challenges inherent in translation from and into English (syntax, register, idiom)
- Advanced listening skills
- Advanced communication in spoken French using a good range of linguistic structures, idioms and topic-specific vocabulary
- Good ability to understand and critically engage with aspects of contemporary francophone society and culture and intercultural issues associated with them
- A systematic approach to proof-reading with due attention to accuracy
- Advanced reading skills across a range of document types
- Consolidation of independent language-learning skills

International

All modules delivered in SMLC are necessarily international. Students engage with themes and ideas from a culture other than that of the UK and employ their linguistic skills in the analysis of primary materials from a non-Anglophone context. Students will also be encouraged to draw on the experiences of visiting exchange students in the classroom and will frequently engage with theoretical and critical frameworks from across the world.

Subject specific skills

This module will build students' linguistic skills through activities that stimulate authentic target language production and develop sensitivity to the transference of meaning across languages. Students will work towards the production of nuanced, accurate and contextually sensitive materials through a range of language classes and guided independent learning.

Transferable skills

All SMLC language modules demand critical and analytical engagement with linguistic and cultural products from target-language cultures. In the course of independent study, class work and assessment students will develop the following skills: written and oral communication in the target language and in English, intercultural understanding and the ability to mediate between languages and cultures, independent research skills in the target language(s) and in English, problem solving and analysis, creative and critical thinking, time management and organisation, ICT literacy in both English and the target language(s), personal responsibility and the exercise of initiative.

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Seminars	60 sessions of 1 hour (20%)
Practical classes	20 sessions of 1 hour (7%)
Online learning (scheduled sessions)	13 sessions of 30 minutes (2%)
Private study	213 hours 30 minutes (71%)
Total	300 hours

Private study description

No private study requirements defined for this module.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group D2

	Weighting	Study time
Online Examination - Grammar test term 2	10%	
1 hour grammar online test	10%	

	Weighting	Study time
In-person Examination - Writing 2h Translation paper with 15mn reading time, hard-copy dictionary allowed	30%	

- Answerbook Green (8 page)

Online Examination - Grammar and Listening 1 hour online grammar test 10% 30mn online listening test 5%	15%
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Oral Examination The oral exam will be scheduled for week 5 of term 3 and managed within the French studies section	15%
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In-person Examination - Translation 2h + 15mn reading time	30%
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Feedback on assessment

In-class methods: oral feedback, peer discussion, self-correction and scrutiny of common errors.
Outside-class methods: provision of written and oral feedback.

[Past exam papers for FR201](#)

Availability

Post-requisite modules

If you pass this module, you can take:

- FR350-15 The French Revolution

Courses

This module is Core for:

- UFRA-QR3A Undergraduate English and French
 - Year 2 of QR3A English and French

- Year 3 of QR3A English and French
- Year 2 of UFRA-R101 Undergraduate French Studies
- Year 2 of ULNA-R1Q2 Undergraduate French Studies with Linguistics
- Year 2 of ULNA-R1L5 Undergraduate French and Economics (3 year)
- Year 3 of ULNA-R1L4 Undergraduate French and Economics (4-year)
- Year 2 of ULNA-RR14 Undergraduate French and German
- Year 2 of UFRA-R1VA Undergraduate French and History
- ULNA-RR15 Undergraduate French and Italian
 - Year 2 of RR15 French and Italian
 - Year 3 of RR15 French and Italian
- Year 2 of ULNA-R1WB Undergraduate French and Theatre Studies
- Year 2 of ULNA-R1A0 Undergraduate French with Chinese
- Year 2 of UFRA-R1WA Undergraduate French with Film Studies
- Year 2 of ULNA-R1A2 Undergraduate French with German
- Year 2 of ULNA-R1A3 Undergraduate French with Italian
- Year 2 of ULNA-R1A8 Undergraduate French with Japanese
- Year 2 of ULNA-R1A7 Undergraduate French with Russian
- Year 2 of ULNA-R1A4 Undergraduate French with Spanish
- UFRA-R1W4 Undergraduate French with Theatre Studies
 - Year 2 of R1W4 French with Theatre Studies
 - Year 2 of R1W4 French with Theatre Studies
- ULNA-R4RF Undergraduate Hispanic Studies and French
 - Year 2 of R4RF Hispanic Studies and French
 - Year 3 of R4RF Hispanic Studies and French
- ULNA-R4RJ Undergraduate Hispanic Studies with French
 - Year 2 of R4RJ Hispanic Studies with French
 - Year 3 of R4RJ Hispanic Studies with French
- Year 2 of UHAA-V3R1 Undergraduate History of Art and French
- Year 2 of UPOA-M163 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and French

This module is Core optional for:

- UFRA-R10P Undergraduate French Studies
 - Year 2 of R10P French Studies (Part-Time)
 - Year 2 of R10P French Studies (Part-Time)
- Year 3 of ULNA-R1L4 Undergraduate French and Economics (4-year)
- Year 2 of UETA-Q1R1 Undergraduate Linguistics with French
- Year 2 of UETA-Q1A1 Undergraduate Linguistics with French (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 3 of UFRA-R900 Undergraduate Modern Languages
- Year 2 of ULNA-R9L1 Undergraduate Modern Languages and Economics (4-year)
- Year 2 of ULNA-R9Q1 Undergraduate Modern Languages and Linguistics
- Year 2 of ULNA-R9Q2 Undergraduate Modern Languages with Linguistics
- Year 2 of UPOA-M163 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and French

This module is Core option list A for:

- Year 3 of UFRA-R101 Undergraduate French Studies

- Year 3 of UFRA-R1VA Undergraduate French and History
- Year 2 of UFRA-R900 Undergraduate Modern Languages
- Year 2 of ULNA-R9L1 Undergraduate Modern Languages and Economics (4-year)
- Year 3 of ULNA-R9Q2 Undergraduate Modern Languages with Linguistics

This module is Core option list B for:

- Year 2 of ULNA-R1Q3 Undergraduate French and Linguistics
- Year 3 of ULNA-R9L1 Undergraduate Modern Languages and Economics (4-year)

This module is Core option list C for:

- Year 2 of ULNA-R1L4 Undergraduate French and Economics (4-year)
- Year 2 of ULNA-R1Q3 Undergraduate French and Linguistics
- Year 3 of ULNA-R9L1 Undergraduate Modern Languages and Economics (4-year)

This module is Core option list D for:

- Year 2 of ULNA-R4RJ Undergraduate Hispanic Studies with French
- Year 3 of UFRA-R900 Undergraduate Modern Languages

This module is Core option list E for:

- Year 3 of ULNA-R4RF Undergraduate Hispanic Studies and French

This module is Core option list G for:

- Year 2 of ULNA-R9Q1 Undergraduate Modern Languages and Linguistics

This module is Option list A for:

- UFRA-R10P Undergraduate French Studies
 - Year 2 of R10P French Studies (Part-Time)
 - Year 2 of R10P French Studies (Part-Time)

This module is Option list C for:

- Year 3 of UFRA-QR3A Undergraduate English and French

This module is Option list G for:

- Year 3 of UFRA-QR3A Undergraduate English and French