

FR202-30 Modern French Language II

Post-Beginners

23/24

Department

School of Modern Languages and Cultures

Level

Undergraduate Level 2

Module leader

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Credit value

30

Module duration

21 weeks

Assessment

30% coursework, 70% exam

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

This intermediate year module builds on the first-year ab-initio French language module in the French Studies section of the School of Modern Languages and Cultures. It will develop students' language acquisition in French, extend their linguistic skills through translation, writing, reading, speaking and listening activities. The module will prepare them for final-year study. The module will further develop students' awareness of French and Francophone culture.

Module aims

- to work towards B2+ standard of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference);
- to enable students to develop language learning strategies;
- to develop the four key skills: reading, listening, speaking and writing.
- to understand ideas in complex text, and produce text on a wide range of topics;
- to 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.

Communicative skills: Listening, speaking as well as reading and writing activities will be supported by a variety of authentic written and spoken material focusing on aspects of life and culture in French-speaking countries in addition to topical issues.

We will cover items such as : Origins/family/social relations, Employment, Consumer society, the French language, Media and the news, the Environment, France and the French, Travel and Adventure, Health + Fitness, the Arts, Technology, Tomorrow's world.

Grammar - We will cover items such as: present, perfect, imperfect, future, conditional, pluperfect and conditional perfect, the subjunctive, adverbs, comparatives and superlatives, object pronouns, demonstrative and emphatic pronouns, relative pronouns, making a hypothetical statement, conjunctions to develop oral and written skills.

Learning outcomes

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

- apply knowledge of grammar appropriate to the level
- understand the main ideas and some detail of complex texts on concrete and abstract topics
- interact with fluency and spontaneity, and account for and sustain viewpoints
- write clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects; explain viewpoints on topical issues
- develop strategies to communicate some information coherently and effectively to a specific audience

International

This module develops intercultural awareness and helps to prepare students for international student mobility.

Subject specific skills

- Strategies for understanding gist and specific information
- Strategies to communicate effectively both in writing and orally in French
- Intercultural competence

Transferable skills

- Communication skills: writing and oral presentation, defending one's point of view
- Intellectual skills: critical thinking, analysis
- Organisational skills: independent work, time management
- Interpersonal skills: flexibility, adaptability and the ability to work with others
- Digital skills: online tools, online collaboration

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Supervised practical classes	21 sessions of 4 hours (29%)
Online learning (scheduled sessions)	21 sessions of 1 hour (7%)
Private study	187 hours (64%)
Total	292 hours

Private study description

work set on moodle and homework set by tutor

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

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

Assessment group D

	Weighting	Study time
Grammar test with targeted translation Test to monitor progress at the end of term 1. Grammar exercises and targeted translation into French (sentences)	15%	2 hours
Grammar test with targeted translation Test to monitor progress at the end of term 2. Grammar exercises and targeted translation into French (short text)	15%	2 hours
Oral examination Speaking examination - 10 minutes to prepare + 10 minutes' discussion The duration is indicative.	20%	1 hour
In-person Examination Combined skills exam: reading, writing, translation	50%	3 hours

- Answerbook Green (8 page)

Feedback on assessment

Feedback will be provided in the course of the module in a number of ways. Feedback should be understood to be both formal and informal and is not restricted to feedback on formal written work. Oral feedback will be provided by the module tutor in the course of seminar discussion. This may include feedback on points raised in small group work or in the course of individual presentations or larger group discussion.

Written feedback will be provided on formal assessment using the standard SMLC Assessed Work feedback form appropriate to the assessment. Feedback is intended to enable continuous improvement throughout the module and written feedback is generally the final stage of this feedback process. Feedback will always demonstrate areas of success and areas for future development, which can be applied to future assessment. Feedback will be both discipline-specific and focussed on key transferrable skills, enabling students to apply this feedback to their future professional lives. Feedback will be fair and reasonable and will be linked to the SMLC marking scheme appropriate to the module.

[Past exam papers for FR202](#)

Availability

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 2 of UFRA-QR3A Undergraduate English and French
- Year 2 of ULNA-R1L5 Undergraduate French and Economics (3 year)
- Year 2 of UFRA-R1VA Undergraduate French and History
- Year 2 of ULNA-R1WB Undergraduate French and Theatre Studies

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 2 of UETA-Q1R1 Undergraduate Linguistics with French
- Year 2 of UETA-Q1A1 Undergraduate Linguistics with French (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 2 of UPOA-M163 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and French

This module is Core option list A for:

- Year 2 of UFRA-R900 Undergraduate Modern Languages
- Year 2 of ULNA-R9L1 Undergraduate Modern Languages and Economics (4-year)

This module is Core option list B for:

- Year 2 of ULNA-R1Q3 Undergraduate French and Linguistics

This module is Core option list C for:

- Year 2 of ULNA-R1L4 Undergraduate French and Economics (4-year)

This module is Option list C for:

- Year 3 of UFRA-QR3A Undergraduate English and French