



DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES

FRENCH COURSE

OFFERINGS 2025-2026



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WELCOME TO THE FRENCH PROGRAM AT MSVU



This booklet is intended to aid students in their selection of French courses. It supplements the University Calendar by listing the courses to be offered in 2025-2026, the times at which they are offered, and the instructors who will be teaching them, as well as other useful information.

Students must still consult the Calendar for information regarding University regulations, degree requirements and so on. The information presented here is as accurate as we can make it, but it is subject to change; for example, certain courses or sections will be offered subject to sufficient enrollment.

MSVU students can select from a full range of programs in French. French (FREN) can be taken as a major with honours, as a major in a degree program of 20 units above Grade XII, as a minor or as an elective. Consult the calendar for specifics as different programs have different requirements.

The department also administers Awards and Prizes and recommends students for Scholarships. See list on page 8 in this booklet.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How do I know what French course to take?

The French Placement Test is recommended for all new students in French, in particular for those who are not sure which course(s) would be appropriate to their needs. French Faculty will be available to give advice. Students transferring from other universities Should consult the Modern Languages Department. Students interested in writing the Placement Test should contact language@msvu.ca

What if I fail the placement test?

You can't fail. We offer French courses at every level.

What if I can't fit a French course into my schedule?

Check out our Practical French courses offered as RBC (Distance Rebroadcast) through (Distance Learning and Continuing Education) in Summer I and Summer II, 2025 and 2026.

**Placement for
First- and Second-Year FRENCH courses**

**French
Course #**

1101	Students with less than Grade XI core French
1102	FREN 1101 or Grade XI Core French or Summer Immersion or permission based on French Placement Test result
2201	Successful completion of FREN 1102 or Grade XII Core French or permission based on French Placement Test result
2202	FREN 2201 or Placement Test or permission of the department
2205	FREN 2202 or Grade XII High School French Immersion or Francophone School or permission of the department
2206	FREN 2205 or Placement Test or permission of the department
2214	FREN 2202 or Grade XII High School French Immersion or Francophone School or permission of the department
2215	FREN 2214 or Placement Test or permission of the department
2253	FREN 2202 or Grade XII High School French Immersion or Francophone School or permission of the department
2254	High School French Immersion or Francophone School FREN 2253 or Placement Test or permission of the department

THE LANGUAGE LAB

Most French language courses require students to spend some time practicing in the language lab every week. Many written assignments and some class tests also have a listening component which is done in the lab. The lab is open to students on a drop-in basis. Monitors (senior students) are there to help you (not to grade you).

An orientation to the lab is given early in the semester for those courses that require lab work.

The Language Lab is located in Seton 333. It has 25 computers equipped with DVD for student use and Language programs for student use as well as a flat screen TV. There are also meeting rooms available to the conversation groups.

Language Lab Supervisor:

Erin Moulton

Phone: 902-457-6247

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OR languagelab@msvu.ca

IN THE LANGUAGE LAB YOU CAN:

- . *take the French placement test if you are new to our French program;*
- . *work at your own pace in an informal, friendly atmosphere;*
- . *practice listening and speaking using Audacity on the computers;*
- . *receive immediate feedback from lab monitors;*
- . *use computers to create, spell-check, and print your assignments;*
- . *consult the reference library of real and on-line dictionaries;*
- . *access the World Wide Web;*
- . *watch course-related videos;*
- . *listen to French and Spanish music;*
- . *get in touch with the French Club which organizes leisure activities “en français”*
- . *browse magazines and newspapers in French, Spanish, Chinese;*
- . *and more!*

DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

MAJOR (20 units), HONOURS (20 units)

If you intend to do a Major, Advanced Major, or Honours program in French, or you just think you might want to, you should contact the **French Major Advisor**, who will help you plan your program to make sure you are taking the appropriate courses. The French Major Advisor is:

Dr. Alexandra Tsedryk, Office SAC 339; phone 902-457-5530;

e-mail: Alexandra.Tsedryk@msvu.ca

COMBINED MAJOR (20 units)

The combined major degree is intended for those students who wish to gain in depth knowledge of two disciplines. Students must declare a major or combined major before registering in their sixth unit of coursework. Students who do not make this declaration within this time frame will not be permitted to register for further coursework. Student must complete 20 units of coursework.

Contact: The Chair of the Department for advising regarding the Combined Major

MAJOR IN FRENCH WITH A YEAR IN FRANCE

The department encourages **French Majors or Honours** students to spend a year studying in France (this is an opportunity to study in Lille or Toulouse). Normally this is done in the 3rd year of a 4-year program. Students interested in this option should consult the department **Chair** early in their program.

**** NEW * PATHWAY TO EDUCATION FOR MSVU FRENCH MAJOR STUDENTS***

The Faculty of Education will guarantee entry into the BEd program for students who successfully complete the French major program at MSVU with a GPA of 3.2 or above and fulfil all other requirements for admission to the BEd program. **Students may choose this pathway to Education as soon as they declare their major in French.** This pathway to Education will involve monitoring/mentoring the students while they complete their major. Students interested in this option should consult the department **Chair**.

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY IN FRENCH

The Department of Modern Languages offers a **Certificate of Proficiency and an Advanced Certificate of Proficiency in French** programs for students who are not necessarily specializing in French but wish to attain a **high level of oral and written competence** in the language, for instance if they wish to **work in a bilingual or francophone environment**. The courses required for the certificates are all part of the regular program. Students select which Certificate they wish to attain and may prepare for the Certificate at the same time as pursuing a Minor, Major, Advanced Major or Honours program.

Dr. Juliette Valcke, e-mail : juliette.valcke@msvu.ca

Or contact Phoebe Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Department, e-mail: Phoebe.Smith@msvu.ca

PROFESSIONAL CONCENTRATION IN FRENCH

Public Relations, Tourism and Hospitality Management, and Business Administration students have the opportunity to pursue a Concentration in French comprising three units of French language courses. Students interested in this option can consult the chair or any member of the French faculty.

CONCENTRATION

To obtain a concentration in French, students must fulfill the following requirements:

- FREN 2214, 2215, 2253 and 2254
- 2.0 additional units of FREN at the 2000 level or above, 1.0 unit of which must be at the 3000 level or above

To attain an acceptable level in French and be able to teach in this language, students are encouraged to take a maximum number of 3000-level courses.

MINOR

To obtain a minor in French, students must fulfill the following requirements:

- 3.0 units of FREN

FRENCH FACULTY

Below is a list of the professors who will be teaching French this year, with an indication of their academic or professional specialization and their responsibilities to students within the department this year. All the phone numbers indicated are connected to voicemail, so that you can leave a message at any time. You can also contact professors by e-mail. Professors' scheduled office hours will be posted on their doors by the first week of classes.

CHAIR

- **Madame Alexandra (Sasha) Tsedryk:** Mme Tsedryk teaches French language and linguistics classes, specializing in applied linguistics. Her research focuses on French as a Second Language Teaching and Learning acquisition and pedagogy at advanced level. Dr. Tsedryk is available to assist students with questions regarding their major, transfer credits or course problems. (Office: SAC 339; phone: 902-457-5530; e-mail: Alexandra.Tsedryk@msvu.ca)

FULL-TIME FACULTY

- **Madame Juliette Valcke:** Mme Valeke teaches French language and literature classes, specializing in French Medieval and Renaissance literature. Her research interests also include the use of French dialects in literature and Acadian literature. (Office: SAC 349; phone: 902-457-5990; e-mail: Juliette.Valcke@msvu.ca)
- **Monsieur Leighton (Larry) Steele:** M. Steele teaches French language and literature classes, specializing in French Canadian literature and songs. He does a weekly radio show "Trois Beaux Canards" on Thursday nights from 7:00-8:00pm on CKDU, 88.1 FM. (Office: SAC 343, phone: 902-457-6113; e-mail: Larry.Steele@msvu.ca)
M. Larry Steele is on sabbatical from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

PART-TIME FACULTY

There are a number of part-time faculty teaching French at the 1000 and 2000 levels for the Fall and Winter Terms and one at the 3000 level in Winter. Courses taught by part-time faculty are:

Fall Term

Fren 1101(01)	Basic Practical French I	MW	10:30-11:45	
Fren 1101(18)	Basic Practical French I	W	04:30-05:45	M-M online, meetings once per week
Fren 1102(18)	Basic Practical French II	W	04:30-05:45	M-M online, meetings once per week
Fren 2201(01)	Practical French I	MW	09:00-10:15	
Fren 2205(01)	Practical French III	MW	01:30-02:45	

Winter Term

Fren 1101(02)	Basic Practical French I	T Th 09:00-10:15
Fren 1102(01)	Basic Practical French II	MW 10:30-11:45
Fren 2201 (18)	Practical French I once per week	W 04:30-05:45 M-M online, meetings
Fren 2202(01)	Practical French II	MW 09:00-10:15
Fren 2206(01)	Practical French IV	MW 01:30-02:45
Fren 2215(01)	Intermediate Grammar and Composition II	T Th 12:00-01:15

Part-time faculty for French are located in Part-time Office **Seton 325C** and their office hours are posted on the entry door of Seton 325.

OTHER PERSONNEL

- Language Lab Supervisor: *Erin Moulton*

(Language Lab: SAC 333; phone: 902-457-6247; e-mail: language@msvu.ca; erin.moulton@msvu.ca)

- Department Administrative Assistant: *Phoebe Smith*

(SAC 561; phone: 902-457-6547; e-mail: Phoebe.Smith@msvu.ca)

THE FRENCH CLUB

Have fun while improving your oral French skills. The MSVU French Club is very active and organizes meetings, fundraising events and outings.

Facebook page: [MSVU/clubfrançais](https://www.facebook.com/MSVUclubfrançais)

AWARDS, PRIZES and SCHOLARSHIPS available for students of French:

The department of Modern Languages recommends students of French to the relevant granting bodies for the following awards and other distinctions (students themselves do not apply for these):

- the ***Floyd Campbell Memorial Scholarship in French***: this scholarship is awarded to a French Major achieving outstanding results at the 2000 level or above. Occasionally the award is split between two students.
- the ***Sister Rose Celestine Prize for French***: this is awarded to a student who has shown the most progress in French courses at the 2000 level or above. It is recognized at an annual Awards reception and at the graduation ceremony.
- the ***Danny Weston Memorial Prize in French***: awarded to a third-year student who has shown outstanding progress in French.
- the ***Alliance Française Prize***: for a student who demonstrates outstanding competence in French and interest in Francophone culture. This prize includes one year membership at the Alliance française and an opportunity to take the internationally recognized DELF examination free of charge.
- the ***Modern Languages Department Prize***: awarded to a dedicated student in the study of French.

New Award: Fenêtre sur la Francophonie Award

Established by faculty members from the Department of Modern Languages, *Fenêtre sur la Francophonie* award provides funding towards a one-week trip to France (or French territory) to participate in a language and cultural program recommended and approved by the Department. This award is presented annually to a student specializing in French who achieves outstanding results in French courses and who have demonstrated great interest towards French language and culture. The recipient must be enrolled in French courses at Mount Saint Vincent University for the next academic year and must have completed six units of French before the trip, including FREN2214, FREN2215, FREN2253, FREN2254, FREN3314, FREN3315. If, for some reason, the first candidate cannot take a trip in the summer of the current year, then the award will go to the next short-listed candidate.

The following awards are not monetary:

- the ***Swiss Ambassador's Prize in French***: a book prize awarded to the student with highest standing in French.
- the ***Practical French Prize***: a book prize awarded to a student having outstanding results in a Practical French course.
- the ***Language Lab Prize***: a book prize awarded to a student for good work in oral language study in the language lab.

FRENCH COURSE OFFERINGS FOR 2025-2026

NOTE: As in the calendar, courses are listed according to their numbers, but check carefully which courses or sections are offered in the **Fall term (September-December)** or in the **Winter term (January-April)**.

FREN 1101 - Basic Practical French I (0.5 unit)

An introduction to the basic elements of the French language for those with little background in French. Emphasis is put on the development of competence in all four language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Note: This course is designed for students with less than grade XI core French. Students with a higher level of French cannot take this course for credit. Students who have previously received a transfer credit for any FREN 1000, 2000, 3000 or 4000 level course cannot subsequently take this course for credit.

Monitored laboratory required

Fall Term:	FREN 1101 (01)	MW 10:30-11:45	Professor:	TBA
	1101 (18 online)	W 04:30-05:45	Professor:	TBA
Winter Term:	FREN 1101 (02)	T Th 09:00-10:15	Professor:	TBA

FREN 1102 - Basic Practical French II (0.5 unit)

A continuation of FREN 1101. Emphasis is put on the development of competence in all four language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Note: Students who have successfully completed FREN 1101 or grade XI core French or summer immersion or who were granted permission of the department based on their French Placement Test result may take this course for credit. Students who have previously received a transfer credit for any FREN 2000, 3000 or 4000 level course cannot subsequently take this course for credit.

Monitored laboratory required

Fall Term:	FREN 1102 (18 online)	W 04:30-05:45	Professor:	TBA
Winter Term:	FREN 1102 (01)	MW 10:30-11:45	Professor:	TBA

FREN 2201 - Practical French I (0.5 unit)

This course presents oral and written material to consolidate previous language acquisition, improve comprehension and communication skills, and provide a background for further study of the French language.

Note: Students who have successfully completed FREN 1102 or grade XII core French or who were granted permission of the department based on their French Placement Test result may take this course for credit. Students who have previously received credit for FREN 1105, 1106, 1114, 1115, 2202, 2205, 2206, 2214, 2215, or any FREN 3000 or 4000 level course cannot subsequently take this course for credit.

Monitored laboratory required

Fall Term:	FREN 2201 (01)	MW 09:00-10:15	Professor:	TBA
Winter Term:	FREN 2201 (18 online)	W 04:30-05:45	Professor:	Juliette Valcke

FREN 2202 - Practical French II (0.5 unit)

Prerequisite: FREN 2201 or Placement Test or permission of the department

A continuation of the practice of oral and written French to further develop competence in speaking, listening, reading and writing in French.

Note: Students who have previously received credit for FREN 1106, 1115, 2205, 2206, 2214, 2215, or any FREN 3000 or 4000 level course cannot subsequently take this course for credit.

Monitored laboratory required

Winter Term: FREN 2202 (01) MW 09:00-10:15 Professor: TBA

FREN 2205 (01) (0.5 unit)

Professor: TBA

Practical French III

Fall Term: MW 01:30-02:45

In this course, reading skills and speaking facility are stressed through exercises based on news articles, films, and texts relating to issues of contemporary issues.

Note: Students who have successfully completed FREN 2202 or 1106 or grade XII high school French immersion or Francophone school or who were granted permission of the department based on their French Placement Test result may take this course for credit. Those students who have successfully completed FREN courses at the 3000 and/or 4000 levels may not take this course for credit.

Monitored laboratory or workshop required

FREN 2206 (01) (0.5 unit)

Professor: TBA

Practical French IV

Winter Term: MW 01:30-02:45

Prerequisite: FREN 2205 or Placement Test or permission of the department

A continuation of FREN 2205. This course stresses improvement of spoken and written French through reading, writing and discussion assignments based on texts and/or films relating to issues of contemporary interest. Grammar review and exercises will reinforce all language skills.

Note: Students who have successfully completed FREN courses at the 3000 and/or 4000 levels may not take this course for credit.

Monitored laboratory or workshop required

FREN 2214 (01) (0.5 unit)

Professor: Alexandra Tsedryk

Intermediate Grammar & Composition I

Fall Term: T Th 12:00-01:15

Systematic review of grammar, written expression as a means of communication, study of the techniques of written expression (sentence structure, writing a paragraph, an essay).

Note: Students who have successfully completed FREN 2202 or 1106 or grade XII high school French immersion or Francophone school or who were granted permission of the department based on their French Placement Test result may take this course for credit.

FREN 2215 (01) (0.5 unit)**Professor: TBA****Intermediate Grammar & Composition II****Winter Term: T Th 12:00-01:15***Prerequisite: FREN 2214 or Placement Test or permission of the department*

Continuation of grammar review, emphasis on how grammatical content affects the expression of ideas. Introduction to various types of writing (summary, book report, letter, narration, story-telling).

FREN 2253 (01) (0.5 unit)**Professor: Juliette Valcke***(formerly FREN 2203)***Introduction to French Literature I****Fall Term: T Th 09:00-10:15**

This course is a survey of the main literary movements, principal genres and major authors from the middle ages to the end of the eighteenth century, through selected passages from works pertaining to this period. Attention is paid to the development of both oral and written expression of ideas.

Note: Students who have successfully completed FREN 2202 or 1106 or grade XII high school French immersion or Francophone school or who were granted permission of the department based on their French Placement Test result may take this course for credit. Students who have received credit for FREN 2203 may not take this course for credit.

FREN 2254 (01) (0.5 unit)**Professor: Juliette Valcke***(formerly FREN 2204)***Introduction to French Literature II****Winter Term: T Th 09:00-10:15***Prerequisite: FREN 2253 or Placement Test or permission of the department*

In this course the main literary movements, principal genres and major authors of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries are considered through selected passages from works pertaining to this period. Works from Quebec and Acadia may be presented on a comparative basis. Attention is paid to the development of oral and written expression of ideas.

Note: Students who have received credit for Fren 2204 may not take this course for credit.

FREN 3314 (01) (0.5 unit)**Professor: Alexandra Tsedryk****Advanced Composition and Stylistics I****Fall Term: MW 10:30-11:45***Prerequisite: FREN 2215 or permission of the department*

Exercises in advanced composition and stylistics including consideration of semantic aspects of grammar. The stylistic analysis and exercises are mainly focused on problems of language levels and registers. The course is designed for majors, teachers, future teachers of French and Advanced Certificate of Proficiency in French students.

FREN 3316 (01) (0.5 unit)**Professor: Juliette Valcke****French Drama****Winter Term: T Th 12:00-01:15***Prerequisite(s): FREN 2215 or 2254 or permission of the department*

A selection of major plays will be studied as illustrations of a genre and as a mirror of changing society. Assignments include exercises in literary criticism and socio-cultural analysis: oral presentations, reports, short essays.

FREN 3321 (01) (0.5 unit)**Professor: Juliette Valcke****French Canadian Theatre****Fall Term: T Th 12:00-01:15***Prerequisite(s): FREN 2215 or 2254 or permission of the department*

An examination of the development of Quebec theatre through the study of at least four representative plays. The course will provide students with a critical and theoretical approach to drama as literary, artistic and social expression.

Note: Students who have received credit for FREN 4409 may not take this course for credit. (Also listed under Canadian Studies)

FREN 3325 (01) (0.5 unit)**Professor: Alexandra Tsedryk****Oral French for the Professional World****Winter Term: MW 01:30-02:45***Prerequisite(s): FREN 2215 or 2254 or permission of the department*

Focus on aural comprehension and techniques of spoken expression appropriate to current affairs and the professional world, with emphasis on clarity and accuracy of oral expression. Assignments include structured discussions, reporting, oral presentations, debates and interviews based on oral and written documents such as media programmes and articles.

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