



French as a New Minor Subject

Details for the Academic Year 25/26

Why take this New Minor Subject?

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What will I learn?

As a student of French as a New Minor Subject, you will study French language, and francophone history, culture and society for up to three years. In SF, you will have two hours of language class per week (one in a small group, one as a lecture) in which you'll revise the fundamentals of grammar and learn how to compose short essays on contemporary topics. You'll also be introduced to aspects of contemporary French and francophone culture and society and have oral language classes with native French speakers. In JS, you'll continue with language classes and study translation and composition. If you decide to stick with French throughout your degree you'll also choose from a range of options on French linguistics, political thought and literature in JS. If you choose to continue French in SS, you'll study advanced composition and translation, and can choose from a range of advanced optional modules on French literature, history, and linguistics.

What will I do?

Senior Fresh (all pathways)

In SF you'll study the following modules (all 5 credits) as a student of French as a New Minor Subject:

Code	Title	Assessment	Semester	Indicative workload
FRU11001	Written Language MT	Exam x 2 (Composition exam-2 hours; grammar exam-1 hour)	1	22hours timetabled
FRU11002	Written Language HT	Exam x 2 (Composition exam-2	2	22hours timetabled

		hours; grammar exam-1 hour)+oral		
FRU11021	French and Francophone Cultures (MT)	1 x class exam	1	22 Hours timetabled
FRU11022	French and Francophone Cultures (HT)	2 x class exam	2	22 Hours timetabled

Junior Sophister (to graduate with Single Honours degree)

In JS you can continue to take French as a minor. If you wish to take French but continue on the Single Honours pathway to graduate with a Single Honours degree you'll study the following language modules (both 5 credits):

Code	Title	Assessment	Semester	Indicative workload
FRU22001	Oral and Written Language MT	Continuous x 4; exam (translation)	1	22hours timetabled
FRU22002	Oral and Written Language HT	Continuous x 4; exam (composition); oral	2	22hours timetabled

Junior Sophister (to graduate with Major with Minor degree)

If you choose to move from a Single Honours pathway so that you graduate with a Major with a Minor degree, you'll study the two language modules above plus two of the following modules, **one from each semester** and **one from each group** (Group 1: Literature, Group 2: Political Thought, Group 3: Linguistics). **Please note that you cannot take two module from a single group.**

Code	Title	Assessment	Semester	Indicative workload
FRU22041	1. French Literature (Early Modern)	exam	1	22 hours Timetabled (one lecture and one seminar)
FRU22041	2. Political Thought (Early Modern)	Continuous	1	22 hours Timetabled (one lecture and one seminar)
FRU22081	3. Linguistics 1 (French in 21 st c.)	Continuous	1	22 hours timetabled per semester
FRU22012	1. French Literature (Modern)	Continuous	2	22 hours

				Timetabled (one lecture and one seminar)
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FRU22022	2. Political Thought (Modern)	Continuous	2	
FRU22092	3. Linguistics 2 (Diversity in the French Speaking World)	Continuous	2	22 hours timetabled

Senior Sophister (to graduate with Major with Minor degree)

If you choose to move from a Single Honours pathway in JS so that you graduate with a Major with Minor degree, you'll study 20 ECTS of French modules in SS, 10 ECTS of language and 10 ECTS on your choice of optional modules. For the full list of these module consult the JS TJH handbook on the French Department website.

Code	Title	Assessment	Semester	Indicative workload
FRU33011	Written and Oral Language MT	Exam	1	2 hours timetabled per week
	MT Option (choose 1 from 3)	Continuous or exam	1	2 hours timetabled per week
FRU33012	Written and Oral Language HT	Exam + oral	2	2 hours per week
	HT Option (choose 1 from 3)	Continuous or exam	2	2 hours timetabled per week

Senior Sophister (graduate with Single Honours degree)

If you choose to remain on the Single Honours pathway then you will not study French in SS.

How will this be assessed?

See module details above for assessment details.

- a. NB. Students should note that because it may be at least a year since they studied the non-beginner language, they may find it more challenging than they expected initially; we therefore recommend that students thoroughly revise French grammar prior to beginning the course in order to re-familiarise themselves with the language.
- b. Students should commit to study independently for AT LEAST 12 hours per module per week.

Contacts

Remember that as a student taking French as a New Minor Subject, you will take modules in French in the year below your year of study, so it is important to direct your questions to the correct year coordinator:

Junior Fresh modules (for NMS students in SF): or Dr Rachel Hoare (rmhoare@tcd.ie)

Senior Fresh modules (for NMS students in JS): Dr Hannes Opelz (opelzh@tcd.ie)

Junior Sophister modules (for NMS students in SS): Dr James Hanrahan

General queries can also be sent to the School Office For detailed information on all modules, consult the relevant TJH handbook on the French Department website: www.tcd.ie/french/local