Taking French at U of Manitoba

You can take courses in French at U of M as soon as you enter University.

Beginners:
Persons who never studied French, or who never completed Grade 12 High School French, or who completed that course more than five years ago, are eligible to take Introductory French (FREN 1152 and 1154). Successful completion of these two half courses allows one to take French 1200, the gateway course to more advanced French courses in the Department.

Others:
Most students who have successfully completed Grade 12 High School French go directly into French 1200 (French I), but students in French Immersion who completed Grade 12 French or who have High School Français can choose French 1190, a parallel course designed particularly for such students. Students who receive a "C+" or better in French 1200, or who receive a "C" or better in French 1190, can go directly on to more advanced courses in the Department.

Outside of the main sequence of courses in French, those who wish to take Français oral I (French 1252) must have successfully completed Grade 12 High School French or its equivalent. (Students already able to speak French with some fluency are generally excluded from Français oral I).

This is your place if you want to…

- Have a competitive advantage in an international employment market
- Understand and explore other cultures
- Explore your heritage
- Study abroad and visit other countries

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Your Passport to the World
### Facts about French

While any language will be useful for some jobs or for some regions, French is the only foreign language that can be useful throughout the world as well as in Canada. French as a foreign language is the second most frequently taught language in the world after English. The International Organization of Francophonie has 51 member states and governments. Of these, 28 countries have French as an official language. French is the only language other than English spoken on five continents. When deciding on a foreign language for work or school, consider that French is the language that will give you the most choices later on in your studies or your career in Canada.

French, along with English, is the official working language of
- the United Nations
- UNESCO
- NATO
- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- the International Labor Bureau
- the International Olympic Committee
- the 31-member Council of Europe
- the European Community
- the Universal Postal Union
- the International Red Cross

### Facts about a Languages Degree

- Proficiency in more than one language is an increasingly valuable skill which greatly increases one's career possibilities.
- A foreign language degree, especially in conjunction with another major or minor, is very useful to most students both for career reasons and for personal development.
- With its emphasis on written and oral communication, knowledge of another language is also an education in one's first language.
- Language can be a primary or a secondary skill in a career. If a language is a primary skill it is used every day; the job could not be done without it. If language use is secondary, another skill (i.e. managerial, writing, computer usage) is used along with it.

### Some Careers with a French Degree

- Travel/tourism
- Import-export firms
- Business with an international scope
- Cultural organizations
- Refugee and immigrant assistance
- Foreign service (diplomatic corps)
- Foreign research/development agencies
- Telecommunications companies
- News, magazines, publishing
- Law firms, corporate law or immigration
- Radio and television work
- Civil service
- Airport careers
- Translation and interpretation
- Advertising firms
- Politics and public administration
- Teaching