

French and English Literature

University of Edinburgh

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Content

French is a major world language, spoken in many parts of Europe, Africa and the Americas. On this programme, you will study the French language in the context of the diverse countries, cultures and societies in which it is spoken.

Intensive language training, including a year abroad, gives you the opportunity to develop advanced speaking, writing, reading and translating skills in French.

We will introduce you to the extraordinary richness and variety of the Francophone world through the study of: literature and cinema; political history and social movements; and philosophical ideas.

Our courses cover material from the Middle Ages to the 21st century and include specialist options in key disciplines such as decolonial, gender, and film studies, all taught by leading experts.

English Literature

Based in the first UNESCO World City of Literature, you will study in the oldest department of English Literature in the UK, one of the longest-established in the world.

You will gain the essential skills needed for the critical close reading of poetry, drama and prose. You will also explore the cultural contexts of writing in English from the late Middle Ages to the present.

At honours level, you will select courses on the basis of your own interests in specific topics, periods or literary genres.

Combining literature with a language shows an openness to ideas and perspectives other than your own, an essential attribute in many careers and a global marketplace.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

MA Hons

UCAS Code

RQ13

Course Length

4 years

Faculty

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Department

Literatures, Languages and Cultures

Entry Requirements

2026 entry requirements

Standard entry:

4 Highers at AABB (first sitting) or AAAB (two sittings) including English and a language other than English plus National 5 French at B (if not held at Higher).

Widening access entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (two sittings) including English and a language other than English plus National 5 French at B (if not held at Higher). Highers at BBB must be achieved in one sitting.

SCQF Level

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