

Module Title: French II

Module Code: FRE5202

Credit Value: 30

Level: 5

Pre-requisite modules:

Content Description

The second year language module constitutes a core element of all degrees including French in their titles. It is taught throughout two semesters and has the value of 30 credits. French II is available to students with a required entry level of B1 (European Framework of Reference for Languages). Students must pass the module in order to progress to their next developmental year, which is the Year Abroad.

The three years in French language (Level 4 to 6) form a coherent and integrated programme which takes students from various levels in French (complete beginner, post-GCSE or post A-level) to graduate standard (C2 of the European Framework of Reference for Languages). The second year module serves primarily as preparation for the Year Abroad in a French-speaking environment. It also functions as a transitional year, building on skills developed in the first year and leading towards the level of linguistic competence expected in the final year module.

Module Aims

- increase fluency and confidence in speaking French with awareness of differing and appropriate registers/degrees of formality depending on context and situation
- improve comprehension of authentic spoken French
- extend the range of vocabulary
- consolidate grammatical knowledge especially when dealing with complex sentences
- increase competence in written French, producing texts of various types and styles with special emphasis on relevance and structure
- extend skills in critical analysis of French texts
- provide training in the effective presentation of arguments in debate and discussion
- widen knowledge of contemporary francophone life and culture
- prepare for the Year Abroad in a francophone country