

### FIRST YEAR

### MIDDLE YEARS

### FINAL YEAR

### ACADEMIC SUCCESS



#### DEVELOP

a Course Plan and  
Build Academic Skills

- Review your program requirements with a Student Central Professional.
- Consider taking a non-French language course within the Department of Languages.
- Check out the [Academic Support Zone](#) for writing and tutoring support.
- Review your program requirements on the [Academic Calendar](#).
- Consider elective courses that interest you.
- Familiarize yourself with your [myInfo](#) account, self help and degree audit tools.
- Read through the [Academic Regulations](#).
- Meet with a Student Central Professional to discuss financial management, and funding resources.
- Consider applying for OSAP/Provincial Loan funding.
- Discuss bursary and award opportunities with Student Central.
- Needing academic accommodations? Meet with our [Student Accessibility Services](#) team.

- Attend Academic Skills Prep Sessions offered by the [Academic Support Zone](#).
- Meet with your Chair or a Student Central Professional to discuss your academic progress, and current/future courses.
- Consider post-degree programs that may require specific courses or academic requirements - create a plan.
- Ensure your degree audit is accurate, including exceptions if any. You need to check your degree audit anytime you add/drop courses.
- Running into academic challenges? Meet with [Student Central](#) early.
- If you're doing a thesis, speak to faculty about your ideas and whether they can supervise your thesis.
- Check the [Academic Support Zone](#) for more assistance with writing or tutoring.

- Meet with Chair and Student Central to ensure you have completed and are in-progress to complete all necessary degree requirements needed for graduation consideration.
- Submit your Intent to Graduate.
- RSVP for convocation ceremonies.
- Understand application requirements, processes and deadlines for future programs of interest.
- If doing a Thesis, ensure that you're on track to complete on time, and see the program guidelines with regard to Honours theses.
- Once you finish, submit a copy to the library and your department for archives.

#### ACADEMIC SKILLS CHECKLIST

- Reading and writing skills are extremely important; ensure that you utilise feedback from your professors and ask for assistance when needed.
- Visit the Academic Support Zone. Attend their [writing workshops](#) if needed.
- Meet regularly with your Program Chair to ensure you are keeping on track.
- Declare your Intent to Graduate.
- Develop professional contacts with faculty instructors.
- Complete all the [necessary steps](#) to graduate.
- Book an appointment with the Academic Support Zone on [mysuccess.lakeheadu.ca](#) for help with note-taking, exam writing, and studying.



#### CONNECT

and Gain Experience  
with the Local and  
Global Community

- Volunteer with the Francophone Society Join LUFC: the Lakehead University French Club, or other [free clubs](#) to connect with peers and expand your interests.
- Register in courses that contain in-class experiential learning opportunities such as case studies and labs
- Meet the Chair of your Department - get to know them, and let them get to know you.
- Volunteer. You can find opportunities locally or through [mysuccess.lakeheadu.ca](#).
- Connect to local organizations such as the [Centre Francophone](#).
- Ask faculty whether they know of any summer or current job/volunteer opportunities within the Department.
- Join the Club Francais, and participate in "[la pause-café](#)".

- Enrol in courses that involve community service learning such as, FREN3610.
- Attend events developed by the French club to build different networks.
- Develop networks and connect with your academic professors. Visit during their office hours.
- Consider a work-study job, which is a great opportunity to gain experience, as well as assist in the cost of your education.
- Consider partaking in an [immersion or exchange program](#) to enrich your French experience. These involve Immersion courses in Quebec, the Ontario-Rhône-Alpes (ORA) exchange with a university in France, the Paris exchange program MICEFA, and the Teaching Assistant Program in France (TAPIF) involving work as an English assistant in a school in France.

- Consider working on applied research, such as a thesis project.
- Connect to the local community through attending courses that involve case studies.
- Join different networking platforms such as [Ten Thousand Coffees](#).
- Communicate interest in career-related opportunities with your professors.
- Attend fairs and events.
- Attend the Graduation Fair for all graduating students.
- If you have done research, consider sharing it. Ask faculty about conferences you can attend.
- Consider a leadership role in a club/society.

#### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CHECKLIST

- Volunteer with the Francophone Society.
- Join the Lakehead University French Club.
- Conduct an applied research project.
- Attend fairs and events to connect with the community.
- Meet with your professors and the Chair of your Department.
- Volunteer/work alongside a community-based organisation by attending FREN 3610.
- [Study abroad](#) through Lakehead International, or participate in your Department's [Immersion and Exchange](#) opportunities.
- Talk to a Student Success Advisor about starting your [Co-Curricular Record](#).
- Consider joining Toastmasters; an organization which will help you develop essential public speaking skills.
- Attend conferences. Consider volunteering or participating in a conference.
- Consider reaching out to potential employers or contacts for an [Informational Interview](#).



### FIRST YEAR

- Visit the [Career Zone](#) to find out about the career preparation services offered.
- Check out the job bank at [mysuccess.lakeheadu.ca](https://mysuccess.lakeheadu.ca) to learn about summer job and on campus opportunities in your program.
- Consider joining the Lakehead University French Club (LUFC).
- Research some potential post-graduation degrees, double degrees, and concentrations you could pursue

### MIDDLE YEARS

- Start connecting with employers through on campus recruitment events, such as career fairs and employer visits.
- Join [Lakehead Connect](#) to make connections with alumni in the field.
- Consider taking the [Strong Interest Inventory Assessment](#) to learn about career options.
- Develop relationships with faculty. Future references can be important.
- Attend events developed by the Lakehead University French Club to network and build career readiness skills.

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- Build career readiness skills by attending resume, job search and interview skills workshops in the [Career Zone](#).
- Attend the Career and Job Fair/Career and Summer Job Fairs to network with employers.
- Consider and discuss graduate school options with your faculty.
- Finish strong with your final year – in many cases, grad programs only look at your last year or two of grades.
- Understand the terms and conditions of your provincial funding to understand the repayment requirements.

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#### CAREER DEVELOPMENT CHECKLIST

- Join LUFC.
- Visit the Career Zone and explore posted job readiness [resources](#).
- Apply for job opportunities in your field.
- Create a LinkedIn account.
- Network with employers on campus by attending information sessions and career/volunteer fairs. Check the [Career Zone calendar](#).
- Use the [LinkedIn Learning](#) resource to help develop employability and professional skills.
- Meet with professors and your Department Chair to discuss post-graduation or career options.
- Sign up for [Lakehead Connect](#).



### PREPARE

for Postgraduation or Career

#### What skills do employers want?

- Strong communication skills (oral and written)
- Cultural intelligence
- Attention to detail
- Fluent in French with an understanding of culture
- Attention to detail
- Collaborative skills
- Flexible, responsive, adaptable
- Ability to multitask and prioritize

#### What skills will I gain with this major?

- Advanced competency in French - reading, writing, listening and speaking
- Cultural literacy
- Communication skills in a creative learning environment
- Knowledge on socio-cultural and literary topics from across the world
- Ability to understand and apply grammatical rules
- Experienced with interpretation and translation
- Attention to detail

#### What double degrees can I do with this major?

- Honours BA French-English Majors
- Honours BA French-Philosophy Majors
- Honours BA French-History Majors
- Honours BA/BEEd French-English Majors I/S
- Honours BA/BEEd French-History Majors I/S

#### What graduate degrees could I pursue?

- Graduate program in Education
- Graduate program in Language Acquisition
- Graduate program at the French law school in Ottawa (ON) or Moncton (NB).
- Master of Arts in:
  - French
  - History
  - Linguistics
  - French Studies
  - Philosophy
  - French Language and Literature

#### What types of minors can I do?

- French
- Classics (Greek/Latin)
- Finnish
- German
- Spanish

#### What could I add to my degree?:

- Certificate in Education Studies
- Entrepreneur Certificate Program
- Indigenous Language Specialist's Certificate
- Certificate in Indigenous Learning
- Certificate in Global Entrepreneurship

#### What careers can I pursue?\*

- Teacher of French (Primary and Secondary Level)
- Translator
- Interpreter (Certified or Court)
- Language Assistant in France (English as a Second Language Teacher)
- International Student Advisor
- Writer
- Editor
- Journalist
- Foreign Affairs Specialist
- Lawyer
- Archivist

\*Your career path is not limited to this list. There could be other options to explore!

#### What field of work are alumni working in?

- Teacher of French
- Translator
- Interpreter
- Journalist
- Tour Guide
- Flight Attendant
- Hotel Manager
- Police Force

#### What percentage of graduates are employed within 2 years after graduation?

- Most of our Concurrent Education students are employed firstly as substitute teachers. Upon getting the DELF B2 (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française) or DALF (Diplôme Approfondi en Langue Française) C1 can they obtain a permanent position as French teachers in Thunder Bay.

### STUDENT SUCCESS CENTRE

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