



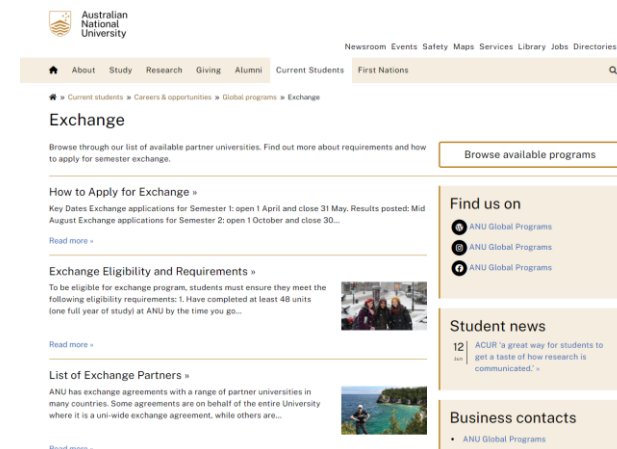
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ANU French Studies Exchange Information



ANU Exchange Programs

- Managed by ANU Global programs
- One semester of study at a university in a country where the language is spoken
 - study in the target language with students from the country
- Courses credited towards your ANU degree
- Credit for language courses
 - take placement test on return to demonstrate that you meet the LOs for the courses you are being credited for
- Typical time: Sem 1 Year 3
(depending on language ability)



Benefits of Exchange

- ‘Parler une langue, c’est assumer un monde, une culture’ (Frantz Fanon, 1952)
- Experience life in another country
- Immersion in the language (academic French but also everyday conversational French)
- Networking (personal and professional)
- Experience of overseas institutions, including benefiting from a wide range of international specialists
- Personal self-development

Exchange Partners

Canada

[McGill University](#)

[Université de Montréal](#)

[University of Ottawa](#)

New Caledonia

[Université de la Nouvelle-Calédonie](#)

Switzerland

[Université de Genève, Geneva International Students' Program](#)

France

[Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris](#)

[Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3](#)

[Université Stendhal, Grenoble 3](#)

[Université de Versailles](#)

Belgium

[Université Catholique de Louvain](#)

French Polynesia

[Université de la Polynésie Française \(Tahiti\)](#)



Choosing a University

- Think about the country you would most like to study in
- Don't forget, there are many more options than just mainland France (e.g. think about French Polynesia or New Caledonia as options)
- Be aware French varies from place to place (e.g. the Québécois French you'd be immersed in at Université de Montréal entails a specific accent and lexicon)
- Choose a university that offers courses in your area (e.g. Université de Genève for International Relations)

Choosing a University

- Be aware that Sciences Po is very prestigious but also highly competitive (you will also need to achieve an HD in Advanced French to qualify)
- Some partner universities offer courses in English too (esp. McGill, Ottawa, and increasingly Sciences Po)
- It may also be possible to choose a partner university in a non-Francophone country and credit a course to the French major/minors (but obviously immersion opportunities will be limited). Contact the French Program Convener to discuss

ANU Requirements

- Generally speaking, it is not possible to go on a standard semester-long exchange before having completed 48 units of credit (i.e. one year's worth of full-time study). So you can apply in first year but you will not be able to depart until second year at the earliest
- Some overseas partner institutions may have restrictions that do not permit students to study with them until their third year of undergraduate study
- If you plan to take courses in French, you also need to be careful to choose the right moment to go on exchange, taking into account our minimum language requirements

Language Requirements

- Although of course exchange is an opportunity to build your fluency, you need to have a solid foundation in place first. Certain students who are not ready have had negative experiences in the past (e.g. failing courses or being asked to withdraw). We need to look out for your best interests and also ensure we meet standards set by partner institutions

French Language Requirements

Minimum requirements for exchange to all French-speaking universities (French-language stream) except Sciences Po:

- Minimum of D in Intermediate French II (FREN3007)

or

- Minimum of D in Advanced French (any post-FREN3007 course)

French Language Requirements

Minimum requirements for exchange to Institut d'Études Politiques (Sciences Po) in Paris (French-language stream):

- Minimum of HD in Advanced French (FREN3010, FREN3011, or other post-FREN3007 course)

French Language Requirements

- Note that we take into consideration your most recent French course in order to ensure your *current* level of language competency meets requirements (e.g. if you achieve a D in FREN3007 but then a CR in FREN3010, you may not be eligible for language approval)
- In addition to these minimum requirements, French universities reserve the right not to accept students who are below B2 level (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)
- We also accept DELF/DALF certificates as proof of language level (B2 certificate or higher)

DELF/DALF

- The DELF/DALF exams (Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française / Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française) are official French proficiency diplomas administered by the French Government and the French Ministry for Education
- Recognised in 165 countries
- Looks great on your CV as a complement to your ANU degree
- Exams run through the Alliance Française de Canberra:
<http://www.afcanberra.com.au/adult-courses/french-diplomas/>

Skipping Courses

- Students seeking to complete a French language course while on exchange to an English-speaking country with the intention of skipping a pre-Advanced level course here (e.g. jumping from FREN3006 to FREN3010 due to having completed a course they believe to be equivalent to FREN3007 on exchange) need to discuss this with the French Program Convener before applying
- Any students who do choose this option will be required to sit a placement test upon return and will *only* be granted a permission code for enrolment into a higher level course if they demonstrate the necessary level

Exchange Application Process

****Check language requirements****

****Get language level approval****

- Select Partner Institutions
- Fill in the Online Application and Forms (due 31 May / 30 Nov)
- Wait for Allocation Outcome and get nominated
- Apply to your Allocated Partner
- Confirm your courses
- **Apply for the Ethel Tory Languages Scholarship****
- Go on exchange!
- Return from exchange and Credit Transfer

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How to Apply for Exchange



Key Dates

Exchange applications for Semester 1: open 1 April and close 31 May.
Results posted: Mid August

Exchange applications for Semester 2: open 1 October and close 30 November.
Results posted: Late February following year.

How to Apply for Exchange

- Step 1: Select Partner Institutions [show details]
- Step 2: Fill in the Online Application and Forms [show details]
- Step 3: Wait for Allocation Outcome and Get Nominated [show details]
- Step 4: Apply to Your Allocated Partner [show details]
- Step 5: Administrative Tasks Before Going on Exchange [show details]
- Step 6: On Exchange! [show details]
- Step 7: Return from Exchange and Credit Transfer [show details]

Apply Now

Key dates

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| 31 May 2023 | Semester 1 2024 Exchange Applications Due |
| 30 Nov 2023 | Semester 2 2024 Exchange Applications Due |

Reference documents

Language Approval Form for Exchange (PDF, 298.43 KB)
Use contact details to request an alternative file format.

Exchange Application Process

- Apply through ANU Global Programs:
<https://www.anu.edu.au/students/careers-opportunities/global-programs/exchange>
- College Student Offices provide advice on how to integrate exchange into your degree
- French Program Convener provides advice on crediting courses to French major/minors and signs the Language Approval Form

Exchange Application Process

- Note that the French Program Convener can give academic advice on course selection, but official accreditation is the responsibility of the College. You need to make sure you send the CASS Student Office detailed course outlines for the courses you wish to take and make sure you have pre-approval *before* commencing your studies overseas

Crediting Courses

- You will need to study a full-time load on exchange (24 ANU credit units)
- These courses can be credited to the French major/minors, or to another degree program, or a combination of both (e.g. credit half to French, half to International Relations). Note that some partner institutions will not allow you to enrol in courses across multiple faculties, which can limit your options
- We credit courses on French literature, film, cultural studies, linguistics, history, politics, philosophy...Consult with the French Program Convener if you have questions

Crediting Courses

- We do not approve credit for FLE courses (i.e. language courses aimed at non-native speakers). Courses need to be entirely taught in French and aimed at native French speakers
- Credit that appears on your academic transcript will not include the specific grades you obtain at the overseas exchange institution. As long as you have pre-approval and pass all your courses, you will earn 24 units of ANU credit

Grants Available

- [Ethel Tory Language Scholarship for Australian Indigenous, European and Middle Eastern Languages | The Australian National University \(anu.edu.au\)](#)
- [CASS Undergraduate Student Exchange Travel Grant | ANU College of ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES](#)
- [John Kirby Memorial Scholarship | The Australian National University \(anu.edu.au\)](#) (Versailles only)
- [Nicolas Baudin Travel Grant | Campus France](#) (France only)
- [CASS Study Tour and Field Trip Bursary | ANU College of ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES](#)
- [OS-HELP | Australian National University \(anu.edu.au\)](#) (NB: technically a loan, not a grant)

Tips

- Plan early
- Ensure you know what the language requirements are and work towards meeting these. The more you work on your French now, the more you'll get out of your exchange
- Continue revising your French right up until departure, and especially brush up on any specific vocabulary relevant to the courses you plan to take
- Attend an ANU Global Programs exchange info session and consult with your College Student Office so you can plan your degree with a mind to going on exchange