EUROPEAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

WHY STUDY EUROPEAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES?

Connect with Europe’s rich heritage and enhance your understanding of modern Europe.

FRENCH
One of the major languages of diplomacy and spoken all over the world including New Caledonia and Polynesia. French culture is synonymous with food and wine, fashion, art, and cinema.

GERMAN
The powerhouse of the European Union and one of the world’s most important trading partners. It was, and continues to be, at the forefront of intellectual life in cinema, philosophy, and literature.

SPANISH AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES
The second most-spoken language in the world and second language of the USA. Explore Spanish history and innovations in football, music, and Latin American art.

ITALIAN*
Study a world of lasting achievements in the arts and sciences – Dante, Michelangelo, Galileo – and contemporary culture: film, music, literature, politics, and cuisine.

EUROPEAN STUDIES
Make European connections across the Faculty of Arts with anthropology, history, politics, philosophy and religion, as well as courses in its languages and culture.

“Students will acquire excellent language and intercultural communications skills attractive to employers looking for dynamic candidates who have exposed themselves to the challenges of navigating new cultures.”

Bernadette Luciano
Professor

CAREER POSSIBILITIES
The European Union is the world’s largest economic entity and New Zealand’s third-largest trading partner. Our graduates work in diverse fields in Aotearoa and abroad, including journalism, education, translation, law, foreign affairs and trade.

*Italian can be studied as an elective or module as part of your BA, your language as part of a Global Studies degree, or as a Certificate or Diploma in languages.

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WAYS TO STUDY LANGUAGES

You can study languages as part of one of the following programmes, if you already have some ability, we will place you into a level which is right for you. You can take European Studies as one of your majors in the BA or study the European region as part of a Global Studies degree.

Bachelor of Arts  auckland.ac.nz/arts/BA
You can major in French, German, Spanish or European Studies, which combines language skills with knowledge of the region including history, politics and culture. Or, if you want to study a language while majoring in other Arts subjects you can take a Modern Language module, allowing you to take advantage of study abroad opportunities and enrich your BA journey.

Bachelor of Global Studies  auckland.ac.nz/arts/bachelor-of-global
Learning another language is a key component of the Bachelor of Global Studies (BGloSt). This programme combines language and area study with a consideration of contemporary global issues.

Certificate or Diploma in Languages  auckland.ac.nz/arts/dip-lang
You can take a European language as part of a Certificate in Languages (CertLang) or a Diploma in Languages (DipLang). Both are usually taken in conjunction with another degree, including the BA.

360 International exchange programme
Study at a foreign university for up to two semesters while earning credits towards your degree. We have a range of partner universities in Italy, Spain, France, and Germany to choose from:
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“I wanted to pursue a career that involved travel, new languages, new cultures, and ideally, something that kept me grounded to New Zealand. Diplomacy seemed to tick all those boxes.”

Graci Kim Cribbens
Author; former Policy Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Spanish + French
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Spanish

Courses you could study*

| Introductory French Language** |
| French Language and Culture in Film and Literature |
| Beginners’ Spanish** |
| Spanish Myths and Global Icons |
| German Language Introductory** |
| Beginners’ Italian |
| Screening Europe |

* Course availability may be subject to change. For a full list of courses and up-to-date information visit the Arts website. Published August 2023

** If you have studied a language before, you may be able to start at a higher level depending on the results of a placement test.

For enrolment information visit:
auckland.ac.nz/askus