

DEAN'S CERTIFICATION IN LEGAL FRENCH

The Dean's Certification in Legal French is designed to provide experience and competence in use of the French language in legal settings. Students who complete the Certification will have familiarity with French as applied in legal contexts, including speaking, reading and writing skills. Through a series of courses, substantial French experience and extracurricular activities, students will gain knowledge and proficiency in thinking and working in legal French.

To be eligible for this Certification, students at the Faculty of Law must complete the following components during their JD degree:

1.	Placement Test (required)	All students completing the Dean's Certification in Legal French will be required to achieve a grade of 70% or higher on the Western University Department of French Studies' Placement Test.
2.	<i>Français Juridique</i> (required)	All students completing the Dean's Certification in Legal French will be required to successfully complete the course <i>Français Juridique</i> (Law 5735) which is offered every other year.
3.	Substantial French Experience (choose and complete one or more)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exchange term at French language partner school (currently Université Laval and Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3). 2. Laskin Moot – French language participation as either an oralist or researcher. 3. Individual Research (5797) or Reading & Study (5798) completed in French. 4. Western Department of French Studies course (taught in French). 5. French courses completed through Western's Trois-Pistoles summer immersion program. 6. Other French language programs, such as those supported under the Government of Canada Explore! scheme (federal five-week French-language bursary program). 7. French language work experience, such as through ISLIP, federal government, law firm or corporate experience. Certification will be satisfied by a letter from the relevant organization.

4.	<p>Extracurricular Activities</p> <p>(choose and complete two or more)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. French-language participation in a Western Law internal moot (ex. FYAC or Lerner’s Cup). 2. Active participation in Western Law’s French Law Society (La société française de Western Law). 3. Active participation in Western University’s French Club. 4. Western Law exchange buddy for Francophone student. 5. Volunteer experience in a French language environment (ex. Community Legal Services, Cross Cultural Learner Centre). 6. Students may also propose their own activities and seek the approval of the Associate Dean (Academic).
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A checklist will be developed by Andrea Streufert, International Programs Officer, to ensure that the above requirements are met by each student seeking the Dean’s Certification in Legal French.

Any of the above requirements may be modified or waived at the discretion of the Associate Dean (Academic).

Courses taken outside the Faculty of Law will not be credited toward the JD degree unless approved in advance by the Associate Dean (Academic) as having a sufficient nexus to the student’s legal studies.