

St John's College, Cambridge

Duties of the French Lector (with effect from 1 October 2023)

The French Lector is mainly expected to provide 12 hours per week of individual tuition ("supervisions" in Cambridge parlance) for two categories of student:

A - Those studying French as a main subject (in combination with either another Modern Language, or History) and

B - It is possible that, rarely, the Lector will be asked to teach students of other subjects who are pursuing French. More commonly, and subject to permission from the College Council, the Lector will be asked to teach students from other Cambridge Colleges.

The expected content of the teaching is as follows:

A (1) First-year students

First-year students should receive weekly supervisions (usually in pairs) designed (a) to prepare them for the oral exam, and (b) to support and develop their work for their Use of French exam (<https://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/frb1>).

These students will need practice in conversation and discussion, which may be video-based or text based. They will also need advice on how to develop their written style. (In addition to their oral exam and written papers in Use of French and Translation from French, first-year students take an exam on a selection of French literary texts, film and Linguistics: applicants should note that teaching for this paper does **not** form part of the Lector's role).

A (2) Second-year students

In their second year, students of French are likely to need a total of 10-12 supervisions over the first two terms in preparation for their French through the Media exam. <https://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/frb3>

Some work on translation into French may also be required. This work could again be supplemented by oral discussion and some writing related to their academic studies.

A (3) Final-year students

Final-year students are allowed up to 4 supervisions in the course of the year in preparation for the Text and Culture paper, an analysis and argued response exam (for details see <https://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/frc2>).

This option is likely to be chosen by students who have spent the year abroad in a French-speaking country.

Please note that detailed advice about teaching for French language exams will be given by the French Department during a briefing session for new Lectors in the first week of October, before the start of Full Term.