

DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH LANGUAGE



**National University of
Modern Languages
Islamabad**



VISION

To become a leading center of excellence in French studies for proficiency and excellence in French language, literature and culture.

MISSION

To foster academic excellence, innovative research, effective communication and cultural awareness in French studies.




HOD MESSAGE





Dr. Zill e Zehra

Welcome to the French department at National University of Modern languages. Established in 1969, French department is one of the finest and pioneer department of NUML. Our French programs have been running since then successfully, primarily to meet the needs of army personnel and later those of civil society (interpretation and translation).




The department is designed and developed along modern lines which are tailored to impart and strengthen the students knowledge in French language and culture. We offer various certification and degree programs. Our courses provide flexibility, broad subject coverage, high quality delivery and excellent job opportunity. French language programs provide comprehensive and diverse understanding of language, grammar, linguistics as well as didactics which help the students to develop their career. It is not only successful in providing essential aspects in the subject, but also allows a sound practical application of the language learnt.




HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT

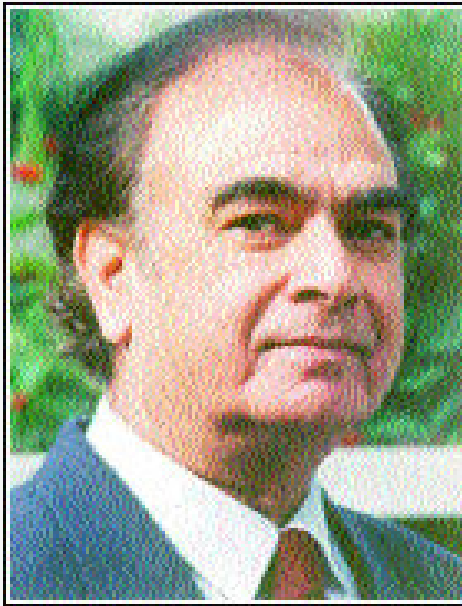
The Department of French language at NIML was established in 1969. The NIML was established as an institute to help people communicate and understand each other in different oriental and occidental languages, to assimilate different cultures and to act as springboard for emerging disciplines. Initially, the institute provided language training facilities to personnel of armed forces and other government services of Pakistan.



It was upgraded to University on May 29, 2000. In achieving this benchmark of a fully autonomous University, it has crossed many barriers and achieved a status of a seat of learning contributing new knowledge in local and global perspective and now teaches 27 oriental and occidental languages in addition to a number of emerging disciplines. Now, the University has a vibrant and well-grounded research program, offering MS/MPhil and PhD research degrees in various disciplines.



FIRST HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT



Dr. Laeeq Babri became first director of NIML as well as the head of the French department. Before joining the NIML, he has been serving as the head of the French department at Government College, Lahore.

He was a prominent writer, researcher and translator of Urdu, Punjabi and French languages. He translated the books of Allama Iqbal and Faiz into French, on the other hand he translated many French books into Urdu. He translated Faiz Ahmed Faiz's book "Naqsh e Frayadi" into French, which was published by UNESCO from Paris. Dr. Laeeq Babri translated the poems of French poet Baudelaire into Urdu, which was published m by Majlis Taqari Adab Lahore in the year 1982 under the title "Peris Ka Karb: Baudelaire's Prose Poems". His Punjabi poetry books include *Ghuggho Ghore*, *Khingar*, *Kali Kunj* and *Sukhan de Waris*. The Governments of France and Pakistan conferred high honors on him.




From 1972 to 2003, the French department was situated in the main block, now known as Jinnah block. So, the corner of Jinnah Block was the hallmark of the French Department.







NUML offers French language courses from elementary to MS/Mphil and Doctorate level. Our students regularly appear in DELF and DALF examinations organized by Alliance Française.






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PROGRAMS & COURSES

The Department of French, since its beginning has been offering various functional and degree courses such as certificate, diploma, advance diploma, diploma in Interpretership, BS in French Studies, MS/MPhil in French Studies etc. with foreign and national qualified teachers.

PROGRAMS & COURSES

- **Certificate [Morning/Afternoon] (6 months)**
- **Diploma (6 months)**
- **Advance Diploma (12 months)**
- **Diploma in Interpretership (1.5 year)**
- **BS in French Studies (4 years)**
- **M.Phil. in French Studies (2 years)**
- **Special Certificate Short Course [summer] (5 weeks)**
- **French Level 1-8 [Morning/Afternoon] (10 weeks)**
- **Online Certificate Afternoon (8/16 weeks)**

Our courses are offered twice a year: once in the Spring session and again in the Fall session, whereas Summer Course is offered in July-August every year.



For Admission Process, fee schedule and Instructions for admission, please visit <https://www.numl.edu.pk/admission>



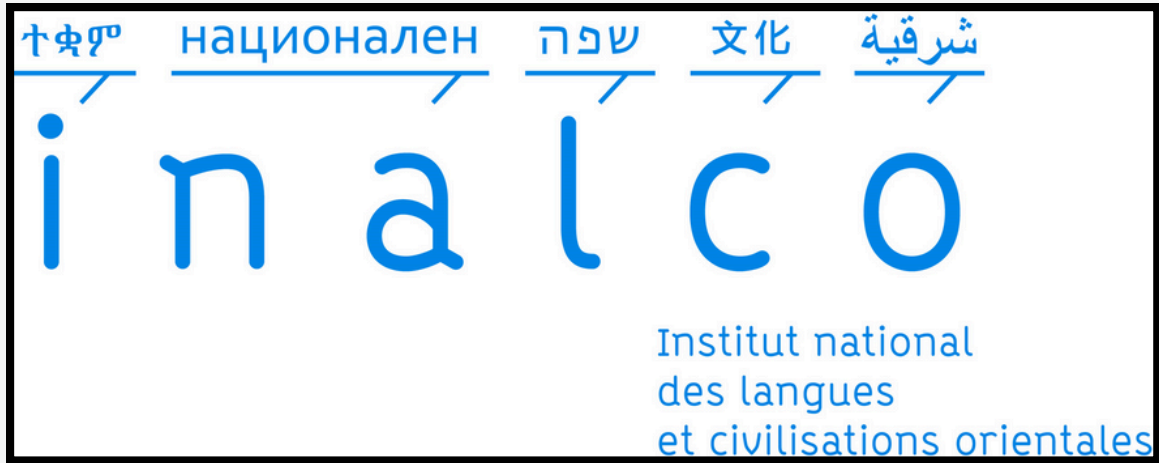
Some of the ex-students of French department, especially from armed forces of Pakistan, rose to the highest levels in their carriers like four-star generals, admirals and Air Marshals. Similarly, in the foreign service, hundreds of Pakistani diplomats and ambassadors, even some foreign secretaries have been students of this department at the early days of their carrier. We also provide French language training to Pakistan army soldiers serving as UN peace-keeping forces in francophone Africa.



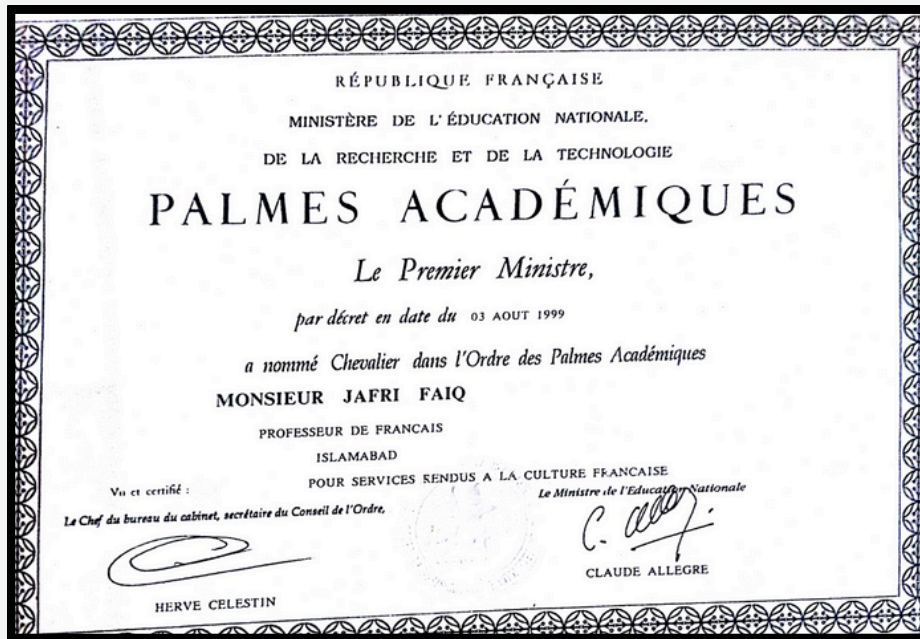
NUML is member of the Francophone University Agency (AUF) that brings together 944 universities, colleges, university networks and scientific research centres that use the French language, in 116 countries. Founded almost 60 years ago, it is one of the largest associations of higher education and research institutions in the world. AUF is the official representative of the higher education and research sector at the Francophone Summit.



The French department has also signed MOU with Alliance Française d'Islamabad. The purpose of this cooperation is to promote friendly relations between the people of Islamic Republic of Pakistan and France. The agreement has promoted the relationship between NUML and AFI in cultural, educational and academic areas. As a result of this agreement NUML became center for the international DELF exams.



The French department at NUML had signed MOU with INALCO, Paris, in 1989 during the visit of President Mitterrand to Pakistan. Under that MOU, faculty members from French department go on exchange program to INALCO for teaching Urdu language to French students. Syed Zahir Hassan, Dr. Zill-e-Zehra, Dr. Amina Niazi and Miss. Sameena Aslam have taught Urdu at INALCO. Now, Ms. Humaira Sadaf is teaching Urdu at INALCO.



The Government of France has also recognized the services the Department of French of NUML by conferring the civil award of “Palm academic” to five of its faculty members. The recipients of Palmes Academiques at NUML are Dr. Laeeq Babree, Dr. Najma Khan, Dr. Shazra Munawar, Brig. Aziz Ahmed and Faiq Jafri.





The French department has the honor that its former head Faiq Hussain Jafri, ran the French service continuously from Radio Pakistan Islamabad from 1984 to 2001.

We organize the International Francophonie Festival every year in which our students perform speeches, plays and songs in French language.



In this way, the students of French department get chance to perform in French language.

The Diplomats and Ambassadors of the Francophone Countries are invited to these events.





Similarly, we hold a cooking competition in which our students prepare French cuisine. Prizes are then distributed to the students who prepare the best food. In the past few years, the Italian department has also started participating in this competition. Special care is taken to include traditional French cuisine in the competition. The food stalls are decorated very beautifully.



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