

Why learn French in Edinburgh? – Edinburgh, a fast-growing city of over half a million people, has long been a natural location for foreign consulates since Scotland was an independent kingdom. One of those, and the most well-known, is the French consulate, due to the countries' diplomatic relationship spanning over a millennium to the Auld Alliance. Thanks to the long-lasting accord, French influence can be found throughout the city.

The new French consulate, opened in 2017, dominates the busiest square in Old Town. It's filled with a language school, a concert venue and a library of French literature with 30,000 books. Other significant cultural stages in the city include the Franco-Scottish Society of Scotland and the Edinburgh International Festival (2019's lineup boasts the Orchestre de Paris). French restaurants lead the way in the culinary scene in town too, from Chez Jules to L'Escargot Blanc and L'Escargot Bleu. Learning French in Edinburgh will open you up to a whole new world!

Whether you speak French or not, you're probably aware of some common French words that have worked their way into the everyday Scottish vernacular: *ashet* for serving dish, *pan* for bread, and *gigot* for lamb leg. Even Scottish country dancing has French roots! No, it's not about the country's rural customs, but comes from the French word *contre-danse*. So why not learn a few more words while you're at it and study French in Edinburgh with us?

What's more, thousands of French people are living in the city. According to a 2017 city council report, the number of French nationals living in Edinburgh increased 22 percent from 2014 to 2016. That's more people to practice the language with! A number of major companies in the city like Sykes, Amazon and Adobe actively hire French speakers as well. Signing up for our French classes in Edinburgh would be a great way to get that pay raise you're looking for!

Because of Scotland's strong ties with the European Union, trade relations between the two groups are only expected to grow. So why not learn one of its most popular languages, French? And not to mention, it's the official language of 29 countries across several continents. According to the *Organisation internationale de la Francophonie*, approximately 300 million people worldwide are French speakers. By taking French lessons in Edinburgh, you have the chance to join them! To get started, try out our [free, online French level test](#) or [send us an enquiry](#).