

French- Master of Arts

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Admission Requirements

Applicants must complete the online application form and submit the following materials: official transcripts, two letters of recommendation, a personal statement, and a writing sample of 10-15 pages in French. One of these letters should be written by someone who can vouch for the applicant's abilities in French, if this is not the applicant's native language. International students must submit proof of English proficiency (80 or higher on the TOEFL) as well as official translations of their academic transcripts. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is recommended but not required. Deadline for application is January 1.

Program Requirements

The M.A. in French requires a minimum of 30 semester hours of coursework, a reading list examination, and a thesis. The normal length of the program is four semesters plus two summers. Students take two graduate seminars each semester (one 500- and one 600-level course). In the first semester of study, graduate assistants also take a required pedagogy seminar and teaching workshop, FRE 691. All students are required to take our theory proseminar, FRE 614, offered once every other year. During summer terms, faculty advisors supervise students as they work independently, either preparing for their reading list exam, or finalizing their master's thesis. Graduate students may participate in our five-week summer study abroad program in Dijon (contingent on budgetary approval). There, they take graduate seminars, teach and/or serve as assistants to the program director. Students must pass a comprehensive reading list examination in their third semester of study to be in good standing. During the fourth semester of study, students draft and revise a thesis of at least 50 pages, which represents an original contribution to scholarship in French and Francophone studies. Candidates for the M.A. defend their thesis in May, complete revisions to their thesis, and file for an August degree.