French and Francophone World Studies, M.A.

The Master of Arts in French and Francophone world studies is offered with an optional French education emphasis.

For more detailed information on graduate degrees in French and Francophone world studies, contact the Department of French and Italian or visit its website. The department also publishes the Guide for Graduate Students and Assistants.

Requirements

The Master of Arts program in French and Francophone world studies requires a minimum of 30 s.h. of graduate credit and is offered with or without thesis.

Thesis students may apply up to 6 s.h. of thesis credit toward the 30 s.h. required for the degree. They must take a written and oral examination on their areas of study and must defend their thesis at the time of the comprehensive examination. The thesis prospectus must be accepted one year before a student defends the thesis.

Nonthesis students must pass a written and oral examination. With permission of the director of graduate studies and the department chair, nonthesis students may earn up to 6 s.h. of the required 30 s.h. outside the department or transfer up to 6 s.h. of coursework completed at another institution.

All M.A. students must complete the following coursework.

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At least four graduate-level literature or culture courses numbered 5000 or above

French Education Emphasis

The Master of Arts program with French education emphasis requires a minimum of 38 s.h. of graduate credit in French. The program is intended primarily for prospective secondary school and community college teachers. Candidates must pass a final written and oral examination.

All French education emphasis students must complete the following coursework.

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Courses in French literature numbered 5000 or above (minimum requirement)

Admission

Applicants must have completed the equivalent of the University of Iowa undergraduate major in French. They also must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations of the Graduate College on the Graduate College website.

Applicants for fall semester whose application materials are received in the department by January 15 have the best chance to be admitted and receive financial aid. They must submit academic transcripts, letters of recommendation from three persons familiar with their past academic work, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test results, a statement of purpose in taking graduate work, and one or more samples of original writing, one of which should be in French, that show their ability to pursue graduate work in French (an honors thesis, term paper, seminar paper, or other course papers).

Financial Support

Teaching assistantships are offered through the department, and University fellowships and scholarships are available through the Graduate College. Contact the Department of French and Italian for details.

Exchange assistantship agreements with the University of Pau and the University of Poitiers provide one year of residence at these universities in France for graduate students.