Twin Cities Campus

French Ph.D.

French & Italian

College of Liberal Arts

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

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- Program Type: Doctorate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2018
- Length of program in credits: 82
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The French program, which offers MA and PhD degrees, covers all areas of French literature and culture from the Middle Ages to the present. Traditional areas of study and scholarship are inflected by the faculty's interests, expertise, and research in areas that are shaping the discipline of French studies. The program, which fosters interdisciplinary research, has particular strengths in literary and cultural studies, critical theory, feminist studies, medieval studies, cinema studies, and francophone studies.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

For the PhD program, an MA in French (or equivalent) is required.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:
A bachelor of arts in French (or equivalent), with a literary emphasis, is required for the MA programs. Applicants have generally completed at least 18 credits in French literature and culture. Prospective students whose undergraduate degree is in another field, but who have taken substantial coursework in French and are strongly motivated to pursue literary studies, are invited to contact the director of graduate studies in French.

Special Application Requirements:
Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with their scholarship and research potential, a complete set of official transcripts, a sample of their academic writing, evidence of spoken French proficiency (audio sample or phone interview),, and a written statement of research interests and goals. International student applicants should also submit scores for the TOEFL or equivalent English proficiency testing program. The program offers funding packages of five years for those admitted at the M.A. level. Submission of all application materials submission by January 10 ensures consideration for other fellowships and graduate instructorships for the next academic year. New teaching assistants and fellowship recipients are only admitted for fall semester; others may be admitted in mid-year.

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
  - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
  - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
  - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
  - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
- IELTS
  - Total Score: 6.5
- MELAB
  - Final score: 80

Key to test abbreviations(TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the

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catalog website.

Program Requirements

46 credits are required in the major.
12 credits are required outside the major.
24 thesis credits are required.

This program may not be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

Language Requirement: Proficiency in foreign language other than French

Required Courses

FRIT 5999 - Teaching of French and Italian: Theory and Practice (3.0 cr)
Take exactly 1 credit(s) from the following:
- FREN 5995 - Directed Teaching (1.0 cr)

Major Electives

Take 42 or more credit(s) from the following:
- FREN 5xxx
- FREN 8xxx
- FRIT 5xxx
- FRIT 8xxx

Outside Coursework

Take at least 12 credits outside the major, not including foreign language credits.

Thesis Credits

Take exactly 24 credit(s) from the following:
- FREN 8888 - Thesis Credit: Doctoral (1.0 - 24.0 cr)

Optional Emphases

Medieval Emphasis

The medieval emphasis comprises coursework in Old French and Latin. With the exception of LAT courses, credits can be applied toward the emphasis and the 42-credit major electives requirement.
Students may be exempt from coursework by passing a department-specific examination. Confer with the adviser and director of graduate studies regarding options for completing the emphasis.

Successful completion of the emphasis satisfies the foreign language requirement.

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Early Modern (Pre-1600) Emphasis

The early modern emphasis requires the demonstration of intermediate knowledge of Latin. LAT courses cannot be applied toward both the emphasis and the 42-credit major electives requirement. Students may be exempt from coursework by passing a department-specific examination. Confer with the advisor and director of graduate studies regarding options for completing the emphasis.

Successful completion of the emphasis satisfies the foreign language requirement.

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