Twin Cities Campus

French Studies Postbaccalaureate Certificate

French & Italian

College of Liberal Arts

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

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- Program Type: Post-baccalaureate credit certificate/licensure/endorsement
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2019
- Length of program in credits: 15
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: French Studies PBacc Cert

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.

Please note: This program is no longer accepting applications for future semesters.

This 15-credit graduate program is primarily for secondary teachers of French, but welcomes any prospective students wishing to enhance their knowledge of diverse areas of French and francophone studies, including linguistics, culture, literature, and film. Consisting of coursework only, the certificate provides the opportunity to explore in-depth aspects of French and francophone literature, culture, and language, while also sharpening language skills. An additional benefit is the potential for professional advancement.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

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

Prerequisites for Admission

The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:
Applicants must have a BA in French or equivalent (BA/BS in another field, but relevant professional experience or academic preparation in French language and culture) with a preferred GPA of 3.0.

Special Application Requirements:
Applicants must submit the following materials: transcripts, a personal statement (in English) explaining how this certificate meets their personal or professional goals, a writing sample in French (a 500-1,000 word essay on applicant's topic of choice), and two letters of recommendation from individuals who can comment knowledgeably on applicant's interest and abilities in French studies. Applications must be received by April 15 for fall semester and by October 15 for spring semester.

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 catalog website.

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Program Requirements

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

A minimum GPA of 3.00 is required for students to remain in good standing.

Required Coursework

Linguistics

Take at least one course from the following:
FREN 5531 - Sociolinguistics of French (3.0 cr)
or FREN 5541 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
or FREN 4510

French or Francophone Literature or Culture

Take at least one course from the following list. Note that neither FRIT 5999 nor FREN 5995 can be used to meet this requirement.
FREN 4510
or FREN 5xxx
or FREN 8xxx
or FRIT 5xxx
or FRIT 8xxx

Electives

A maximum of 3 elective credits can be taken in a French-culture related area outside French studies, such as linguistics, second language and cultures, history, english, art history, theatre arts, and music. Course selection is subject to advisor approval. Note that neither FRIT 5999 nor FREN 5955 can be used to meet this requirement.
Take 9 or more credit(s) from the following:

- FREN 5xxx
- FREN 8xxx
- FRIT 5xxx
- FRIT 8xxx

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