FRENCH - MASTER OF ARTS (MA)

The MA program in French offers students the opportunity to pursue their interest in literature and culture, working with faculty members who produce distinguished scholarship in a broad variety of fields. Students are encouraged to take courses in many of those fields and to become acquainted with a diversity of critical and theoretical approaches. The program consists of coursework and a comprehensive examination.

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Requirements

Admission Requirements

Prerequisites for admission to the French MA studies:

- An undergraduate major in French or its equivalent with a grade average of at least B in all French courses.
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Course Requirements

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**MA Comprehensive Examination**

This examination will be based on a reading list in literature, culture, and theory prepared by the Graduate Faculty. It will be administered by an Examination Committee composed of the Associate Chair for Graduate Studies and two other members of the Graduate Faculty, appointed by the Chair. The examination will consist of three essays of three hours each, based on questions formulated by the Examination Committee, and a one-hour oral examination designed to test the student’s overall knowledge of the reading list. Normally the three essays will be written within a six-day period, and the one-hour oral exam will normally follow within two weeks. Two of the three essays must be written in French, but should students decide to exercise the option of writing one in English, they are entirely free to choose which one it shall be. The Comprehensive Examination must be taken during the fourth semester of the MA program.

**Two-Year Plan of Study**

The MA degree is intended to be completed in two years. The normal pattern of courses would be as follows:

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