

French and Francophone Studies

College of Arts & Sciences

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures offers a graduate program leading to the M.A. degree in French according to Plan B (non-thesis) only.

Admission Requirements

Applicants for admission must first be approved by the Graduate School. They are then reviewed by the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures, who consults with the French graduate faculty before returning recommendations to the Graduate School.

An applicant may be provisionally admitted without meeting all of the minimum standards if other factors, including letters of recommendation, the writing sample, and the digital-format recording indicate an ability to perform satisfactorily in graduate-level work. Presentation of a minimum Graduate Record Examination score (GRE) or a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) does not, however, automatically guarantee admission to the program, as the final decision depends on an evaluation of all materials submitted and the faculty's assessment of the applicant's potential for successful graduate study.

In addition to ensuring that the applicant has met the admission requirements of the Graduate School, the Department carefully evaluates the following materials:

1. Evidence of completion of the equivalent of the University of Kentucky's undergraduate major in French. Applicants who fail to meet this standard may be admitted provisionally to the Master's program, but may be required to take additional undergraduate work in French. Graduate credit will not be awarded for undergraduate courses, but graduate courses taken simultaneously count in the degree program.
2. A minimum 3.25 undergraduate GPA in French on a four-point scale.
3. A statement of purpose in seeking the M.A. in French.
4. A combined score of 1700-1800 or better on the three sections of the GRE. In special cases, a student without the GRE may be accepted provisionally for the first semester, during which the examination must be taken.
5. Three letters of recommendation addressing the applicant's qualifications for graduate work in French.
6. A writing sample in French by the applicant (analytical prose, typically a graded term paper; not a creative work).
7. Non-native speakers of French must submit a digital-format recording (3-4 minutes) of themselves reading a contemporary prose passage in French (a newspaper or magazine article, not a literary work).
8. Non-native speakers of English must submit a digital-format recording of themselves reading a similar passage in English. In addition, they must fulfill the Graduate School's Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) requirement.
9. Students in post-baccalaureate programs in French or other areas at the University of Kentucky who wish to transfer to the French Master's program will be evaluated also on their post-baccalaureate course work and on recommendations from their instructors, even though admission may be delayed until the end of the semester in which they are enrolled. A maximum of six hours in post-baccalaureate course work may be transferred to the Master's program.

All application materials should be uploaded directly to the UK Graduate School's Apply Yourself program

on the application website (https://app.applyyourself.com/AYApplicantLogin/fl_ApplicantConnectLogin.asp?id=ukgrad).

For admission in the fall semester with a Teaching Assistantship award, all materials should be received by the Department no later than February 1.

Degree Requirements

Students select a program from a variety of courses listed below in French literature, language, culture, and literature and the arts. Students need to take a total of ten 3-credit hour classes to complete the course requirements for the MA degree. The master's examination for each candidate is prepared and evaluated by a committee of three members of the French graduate faculty which will consider the candidate's course program in preparing the examination.

Candidates must also demonstrate a reading knowledge of another foreign language. The M.A. examination is administered in November and April. Applications for the examination should be made to the Director of Graduate Studies no later than four months prior to the date of examination. For further information concerning the M.A. program in French, consult the Director of Graduate Studies. All courses listed below are offered on a rotating basis and not less frequently than every eighth semester

Graduate Courses

FR 504	Topics In French Literature And Culture (Subtitle Required)	(3)
FR 507	Interpretation And Style	(3)
FR 510	Linguistic Structure Of Modern French	(3)
FR 550	France Today	(3)
FR 553	Teaching Of French	(3)
FR 570	Seminar In French Language Pedagogy	(1)
FR 601	Poetic Vision (Subtitle Required)	(3)
FR 604	The Tragic Mode (Subtitle Required)	(3)
FR 605	Comic Fiction (Subtitle Required)	(3)
FR 606	Literature Of The Middle Ages (Subtitle Required)	(3)
FR 607	Studies In Renaissance Literature (Subtitle Required)	(3)
FR 609	Seventeenth-Century Studies (Subtitle Required)	(3)
FR 612	Structure And Stylistics Of French	(3)
FR 617	Eighteenth-Century Studies (Subtitle Required)	(3)
FR 619	Nineteenth-Century Studies (Subtitle Required)	(3)
FR 621	Twentieth-Century Studies (Subtitle Required)	(3)
FR 630	French Language, Literature And Culture Outside France (Subtitle Required)	(3)
FR 780	Special Studies In French	(3)