

FRENCH - M.A.

College of Sciences and Humanities
 Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies
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About This Program

The Master of Arts in French program provides advanced training in French language, literature and culture, with opportunities for research, teaching and study abroad. With a focus on critical analysis, cultural interpretation and intercultural competence, you will be well prepared for careers in academia, government, business and more. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Applications to the M.A. in French are not being accepted at this time.

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Foreign language and literature teachers, postsecondary

- 5.7% faster than the average
- 30,600 number of jobs
- \$69,920 potential earnings

Interpreters and translators

- 20.0% much faster than the average
- 77,400 number of jobs
- \$52,330 potential earnings

Secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education

- 3.8% about as fast as the average
- 1,050,800 number of jobs
- \$62,870 potential earnings

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

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Admission Requirements

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- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 2.750 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Official transcript(s)
- Goal statement
- CD or MP3/wav file with a 5-10-minute oral sample in the applicant's first and second languages (conversational, not read from a script)
- Writing sample(s) in the applicant's second language, which should be accompanied by a signed declaration that the sample is original work and that the applicant received no help in its preparation. International applicants should also submit a writing sample in English
- Three letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive)¹ by earning one of the following:
 - Minimum 79 TOEFL iBT score
 - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
 - Minimum 58 PTE score
 - Minimum 110 DET score

¹ International applicants who do not meet the above test scores may be considered for conditional admission.

Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
 - Priority deadline: January 1

All application materials (including applicable fee, transcripts, recommendation letters, etc.) submitted by this deadline will receive the strongest consideration for admission.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
FR 53213	FRENCH COMPOSITION-ADVANCED	3
FR 53216	CONTEMPORARY FRENCH CULTURE	3
Concentrations		
Choose from the following:		27-30
Applied Linguistics and Pedagogy		
Literature		
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		33-36

Applied Linguistics and Pedagogy Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
MCLS 50660	METHODS OF TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGES ¹	3
MCLS 60601	LINGUISTICS FOR THE LANGUAGE PROFESSIONS	3
MCLS 63049	SECOND LANGUAGE RESEARCH METHODS	3
Second Language Courses		12
Second Language Pedagogy Courses		9
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		30

¹ Students who are already licensed to teach language in Ohio may, with departmental approval, substitute a graduate second-language pedagogy elective for MCLS 50660.

Literature Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
FR 63199	THESIS I	6
Drama Elective		3
Poetry Elective		3
Prose Elective		3
French Literature, Culture and Language Electives ¹		12
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		27

¹ A maximum 6 credit hours of individual investigation research may be applied toward the degree.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
-	3.000

- Students in the Applied Linguistics and Pedagogy concentration must successfully complete a final project, a portfolio or a comprehensive examination. In addition, students complete an exit oral interview and an exit essay examination in French. Students are encouraged to enroll in study-abroad courses (maximum 6 credit hours) and in specialized workshops in advanced language or pedagogy (maximum 4 credit hours). Departmental permission must be obtained before enrolling in such courses.
- Students in the Literature concentration must complete a comprehensive examination.
- No more than one-half of a graduate student's coursework may be taken in 50000-level courses.
- Grades below C are not counted toward completion of requirements for the degree.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Communicate in French at advanced-mid or higher proficiency level as measured by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign

Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview Test and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test.

2. Demonstrate skills in the analysis of French culture, literature and language.
3. Demonstrate an ability to carry out and present research projects in their respective concentration areas.
4. Demonstrate specialized knowledge and skills in their respective concentration areas.

Full Description

The Master of Arts degree in French provides an advanced education in French, which integrates the language, linguistics, literature and culture of France and the latest methodologies in the teaching of French.

The French major comprises the following concentrations:

- The **Applied Linguistics and Pedagogy** concentration is intended primarily for (1) licensed, in-service pre-K-12 French teachers who wish to continue their professional development, advancing their knowledge of the French language, literature and culture and language-teaching practices, and (2) students interested in teaching French in college and university settings. This program does not lead to teaching licensure.
- The **Literature** concentration is intended for those who wish to increase their knowledge of literature and culture along with their command of the language.