

# FRENCH, M.A.

## Master of Arts Degree in French

Credits: 30

CIP Code: 160901

### Program Overview

Students in the Master of Arts Degrees in French or Spanish pursue the goals of speaking, reading, writing and listening, with emphasis on the traditional model of language, literature, culture and methodology. All students acquire superior reading and translation skills adequate for easy comprehension of scholarly articles in French or Spanish and have a thorough familiarity with major periods, authors and techniques of literary criticism.

### Admissions Requirements

In addition to the General Admissions Requirements as published in this Catalog, applicants to the **Master of Arts Degree in French** or **Spanish** must have completed an undergraduate major in the language of specialization. Most graduate courses in the Department are conducted in the target language. Applicants must be able to

1. understand the spoken language,
2. participate in class discussions, and
3. write papers in French or Spanish.

If after beginning the degree program, a student's proficiency in these basic skills is so minimal that his/her classroom performance is seriously impaired, he/she will be asked to withdraw.

### Program Objectives

1. Introduce students to study of a modern foreign language, linguistics, civilization, literature, and cultural expressions.
2. Provide advanced level of learning for mastery of nature, function and structure of language sounds, vocabulary, and syntax.
3. Assist student in developing superior reading, writing, and translation skills for comprehension, critique and communication of scholarly works in French.
4. Expose students to major body of works, periods, authors and techniques of literary criticism in French or Spanish cultures.
5. Prepare students for advanced studies, employment and careers that require French or Spanish as a second language.

### Student Learning Outcomes

Students pursuing the Master of Arts Degree in French will:

1. Demonstrate proficiency in oral communication in French with native fluency.
2. Utilize appropriate language, vocabulary, and grammatical construct in written French or Spanish communication.
3. Analyze and interpret artistic, philosophical, social, and historical body of works to identify their significance to French culture.
4. Apply a wide range of literary and factual knowledge, techniques of literary criticism and interpretation of diverse cultural patterns in developing research-based thesis.

### Degree Requirements

In addition to the General Degree Requirements as published in this Catalog, students pursuing the **Master of Arts Degree in French** must complete the following requirements:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
CFRE 513		3
CFRE 514		3
CFRE 515		3
CFRE 516		3
<b>Electives</b>		
Select four of the following:		12
CFRE 509		
CFRE 510		
CFRE 511		
CFRE 517		
CFRE 518		
CFRE 519		
CFRE 615		
CFRE 637		
CFRE 638		
CFRE 640		
<b>Thesis Research</b>		
Complete thesis requirement		6
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

#### Thesis Research

Students must submit an acceptable thesis in the form of a scholarly presentation of a research problem and present an oral defense of both the thesis proposal and the completed thesis. Six (6) credits will be awarded for completing the thesis requirement. The thesis topic must be approved by the student's major advisor/chair and members of the thesis committee.

#### Qualifying Examination

Students must pass a written examination in the major and minor fields of study and an oral defense of the written examination.

#### Final Examination

Candidates must pass a final examination, which is the oral defense of the thesis.

Students may substitute six (6) credits of coursework in French for the master's thesis.

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Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
CFRE 513		3
CFRE 514		3
CFRE 515		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
CFRE XXX	Elective	3

CFRE 516		3
CFRE XXX	Elective	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
CFRE XXX	Elective	3
CFRE XXX	Elective	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
Select one of the following:		6
CFRE 805		
CFRE 510 & CFRE 519	and	
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>