

# 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 degree in French provides advanced training of 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

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## Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries\*

### Foreign language and literature teachers, postsecondary

- -0.2% little or no change
- 26,400 number of jobs
- \$77,010 potential earnings

### Interpreters and translators

- 1.7% slower than the average
- 75,300 number of jobs
- \$59,440 potential earnings

### Secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education

- -1.6% decline
- 1,094,500 number of jobs
- \$64,580 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.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

## 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) by earning one of the following:<sup>1</sup>
  - Minimum 79 TOEFL iBT score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 58 PTE score
  - Minimum 110 DET score

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

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

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

### Applied Linguistics and Pedagogy Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
MCLS 50660	METHODS OF TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGES <sup>1</sup>	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
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
FR 63199	THESIS I	6
	Drama Elective	3
	Poetry Elective	3
	Prose Elective	3
	French Literature, Culture and Language Electives <sup>1</sup>	12
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>27</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.