Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA French (Comparative Literature)

The School of International Letters and Cultures offers a graduate program in French leading to the MA in French with concentration in comparative literature.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours including the required applied project course (FRE 593) and a written comprehensive exam.

Graduate students may take only 500-level courses for graduate credit. At least nine credit hours must be selected from those courses listed exclusively for graduate students. The program must include:

1. FRE 500 Bibliography and Research Methods (3)
2. two courses in linguistics, civilization or translation, of which one course must be in linguistics
3. one course in critical or cultural theory

It is recommended that the candidate enroll in FRE 500 as early as possible.

A minimum of four core courses offered by the French section must be selected from any combination of the following categories:

- Francophone studies courses
- genre courses
- period courses
When approved by the graduate committee, up to six credit hours of related coursework may be taken outside of French.

A student must achieve a GPA of "B" (3.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher in all work specifically included in the plan of study. Grades below a "C" (2.00) cannot be used to meet the requirements of a graduate degree. No student may accumulate more than one incomplete at any one time.

Independent study courses will be given only under exceptional circumstances and will not duplicate courses which are available. The French graduate committee is responsible for authorizing such work in cooperation with the individual professor. No more than three credit hours of independent study will be permitted.

Students must complete an applied project.

The written examination for the concentration in comparative literature will be administered by the interdepartmental committee for comparative literature and will consist of two essay-based components: general concepts of comparative literature and problems of comparative literature.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in French from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. personal statement
4. writing sample
5. three letters of recommendation
6. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.
The writing sample should represent the applicant's thinking as well as writing skills, and it should be written in French on a topic connected with the language or French culture. The writing sample should be approximately five to 10 pages in length.

Those who lack the appropriate background but who show strong potential and meet the Graduate College admission requirements may be admitted to a graduate program on a provisional basis, pending removal of specified deficiencies. These deficiencies must be completed in addition to the regular program of study for the master's degree.

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