Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA French (Linguistics)

The School of International Letters and Cultures offers a graduate program in French leading to an MA degree in French with concentrations in literature, linguistics or 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

The plan of study for the master's degree includes:

1. an applied project
2. a minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate-level work, as approved by the candidate's supervisory committee
3. a 500-level bibliography and research methods course offered by the department
4. in some programs, six credit hours in another language or in closely related courses (when approved by the candidate's supervisory committee)

All candidates are required to pass a comprehensive written examination designed to evaluate the candidate's knowledge in the area of specialization. A reading list, as agreed upon, serves as a guide to prepare for this examination.
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.

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.

The writing sample should represent the applicant's thinking as well as their writing skills, and it should be written in French on a topic connected with the language or French culture; it should be approximately five to 10 pages in length.

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