

# MA in Romance Languages with Emphasis in French

## Degree Requirements

Students must complete a total of 30 credit hours at the graduate-level to earn their MA degree. At least 15 hours must be in courses at the 8000 level or above. The total number of credit hours in special readings (7960), problems (8085) or any combination of both may not exceed 12. The number of credit hours in special readings (7960) within the student's major field may not exceed three per semester. Graduate Instructors with no pedagogical experience, or those who have not completed a graduate course in foreign language teaching methodology, will be required to take FRENCH 7120, Foreign Language Teaching Methodology.

Non-native speakers will be required to complete an online proficiency assessment with the appropriate course coordinator before a decision on their admission status is finalized by the department.

## Plan of Study

MA candidates must submit a completed M-1 Plan of Study form to the Graduate School at least one semester before taking their MA examinations.

## Funding Through Graduate Instructorships

MA candidates normally receive 4 semesters of financial support from the University while completing their degree. This support will customarily take the form of a graduate instructorship, though it may take the form of either a research or teaching assistantship.

## Normal Teaching Load vs. Course Load

The teaching assignment for MA candidates holding instructorships is either one five-hour course or two three-hour courses per semester. All international MA candidates must be registered in a minimum of 6 hours of course work for each semester in which they hold an instructorship. During the first two semesters in the program, students must enroll for three courses. Students must enroll in any seminar and/or 7000 level course offered in the French section. Students may enroll in up to 6 hours per semester of 8080 (Readings) if they have completed all their course work and are preparing for their MA exams.

## Annual Review

All teaching assistants are required to complete an e-performance review during the spring semester. Teaching assistants will input the requested information in the HR site, then the course coordinator will review the teaching performance of the graduate student. Students will be allowed to then comment upon the coordinator's assessment, either in writing or in person or both.

## Thesis

All MA students are expected to write a thesis. Students are urged to obtain the Graduate School guidelines for thesis/dissertation writing as the thesis must conform to the Graduate School formatting and style specifications.

## Thesis Committee

Students must name a thesis committee consisting of no fewer than three members of the doctoral faculty in the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.

## Admission Criteria

Fall deadline: February 15  
Spring deadline: October 15

- Minimum GPA: 3.0 in field of major
- Masters applicants must have a bachelor's degree
- Minimum TOEFL scores (international applicants):

Non-native English speakers must earn a minimum total score as well as subsection scores on one of the English proficiency tests listed below. English proficiency test scores are considered valid for **two years** beyond the test date.

Listening	Speaking	Writing	Test Type	Total	Reading
17	17	17	TOEFL	80	17
6	6	6	IELTS Academic	6.5	6
-	-	-	PTE	59	-
-	-	-	Cambridge C1 Advanced	180	-
-	-	-	Duolingo English Test*	105	-

**Note:** Applicants must also demonstrate adequate preparation in advanced language and literature courses. This will require their having completed at least four courses equivalent to a 4000-level course. At a minimum, three of these courses must be in literature. If the faculty determines a deficiency, they will require that the student complete remedial course work in literature during the first year of enrollment. The director of graduate studies will inform students of these additional requirements at the time of their admission.

## Required Application Materials

*To the Graduate School*

- All required Graduate School documents
- Official Transcript
- 10-15 page writing sample in language of desired degree program, must be uploaded to the online application
- 500-word Personal Statement, uploaded to the online application
- 3 letters of recommendation (submitted through Apply Yourself or mailed to the Romance Languages Department, 143 Arts & Science, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211)
- Résumé or CV

## Choosing an Advisor

All graduate students in the department may choose, or the director of graduate studies will assign them, an academic advisor at the start of their first semester of graduate study. Students must choose an academic advisor by the end of their first semester of graduate study.

## Admission Contact Information

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