

French (PhD)

The graduate program in French includes French literature, history, film, media, culture, and linguistics.

Graduate Handbook

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program's office and [online](#). Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Admission

Applicants to the graduate program in French apply directly to the Ph.D.

Total Hours Required: 55

Requirements

The doctoral program is offered in French. Students entering with a BA will complete their first two years of graduate coursework in French, demonstrating their competency to continue into the PhD program through satisfactory progress in coursework and research. Students will take a minimum of 18 hours, or full-time enrollment in two long semesters, including a minimum of at least two French (FR) graduate courses each semester.

Students must demonstrate competency in Italian, Spanish, German, Russian, Arabic, or any other modern language approved by the Graduate Advisor at a fourth semester level or a classical language at the second semester level.

Candidates must pass a comprehensive examination before beginning work on the dissertation. An examination committee is formed by each graduate student; in consultation with the graduate advisor, the committee oversees the student's progress and eventually administers a comprehensive examination based on coursework, research, and specialized areas of interest. One of the graduate faculty members conducting the examination may come from outside the program.

After passing the comprehensive examination, students must develop a supervising committee and present a written dissertation prospectus to the committee before applying for doctoral candidacy. Following admission to doctoral candidacy, students will write a dissertation that is expected to make a substantial contribution to existing scholarship in the field. A satisfactory oral defense before the dissertation committee is required for approval of the dissertation.

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All students must also follow the following requirements and policies:

[Graduate Liberal Arts Requirements](#)

[Graduate University Requirements](#)