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M.A. in Modern Languages Description

The Department of Modern Languages offers the M.A. in modern languages with emphases in French, German, linguistics, Spanish, and teaching English as a second language (TESOL).

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 36

Course Requirements

Students must satisfy the requirements for either the emphasis in French, German, linguistics, Spanish, or TESOL.

Emphasis - Languages Specialization - French Description

An M.A. in Modern Languages with a specialization in French gives graduates a high proficiency in communicative skills and a deep awareness of cultures in the French-speaking world. The degree prepares students for a teaching career at a variety of levels as well as doctoral work in the discipline.

Course Requirements

M.A. students with a specialization in French must successfully complete Fr 651 or 672. Course Requirements: Three options are available. (1) The first option requires 36 hours of graduate-level coursework in French. (2) The second option requires a minimum of 24 hours of graduate-level work in French plus 6-12 hours in a subfield, subject to approval of the department. (3) The third option requires a minimum of 24 hours of graduate-level coursework in French plus 6-12 hours of credit for writing a thesis (Fr 697). Please note: Under extraordinary circumstances, a candidate may petition the French faculty to allow both a subfield and a thesis, provided s/he can make a compelling argument as to why this is necessary.

Other Academic Requirements

Students must maintain a B average in their course work or be subjected to probation and/or expulsion from the program. Students must either pass a written comprehensive exam based on course work and the M.A. reading list or submit a thesis. Both the written exam and the thesis contain an oral component, during which the student clarifies or amplifies answers on the written component. Students opting to write a thesis must consult with members of his or her committee to discuss which items from the M.A. reading list will also be discussed at the oral thesis defense.

