DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN FRENCH

Coursework should be selected in consultation with advisor.  
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Language Requirement: depends on specialization area
FR 599 Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree)  32
Total Hours  64

Other Requirements ¹
Other requirements may overlap
Masters Degree Required for Admission to PhD?  Yes
Qualifying Exam Required  No
Preliminary Exam Required  Yes
Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required  Yes
Dissertation Deposit Required  Yes
Minimum GPA:  2.75

¹ For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s graduate programs (http://frit.illinois.edu/graduate/french) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

Specialization in French Studies
The doctoral program in French Studies is designed to prepare specialists in literature and culture. Candidates are required to include courses in textual criticism, linguistics or linguistically oriented textual theory, and French/ Francophone literature and culture. Students are expected to demonstrate reading proficiency in one modern foreign language (other than French or English). They may fulfill this requirement by passing a fourth-semester reading course with a grade of B or better or by demonstrating an equivalent ability by examination. Students may choose to complete a minor in Cinema Studies, Gender and Women’s Studies, or to obtain a certificate in Medieval Studies, Translation Studies or in Criticism, and Interpretive Theory.

Specialization in French Linguistics
The Ph.D. curriculum in linguistics offers training in French and Romance linguistics in cooperation with the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and the Department of Linguistics. Candidates selecting this option are required to complete course work in linguistic theory, advanced study of French language and culture, and French and Romance linguistics beyond the requirements of the M.A. in French Linguistics. Advanced course work related to the candidate’s research area is chosen from courses offered by participating departments in consultation with the advisors in French and Romance Linguistics. Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in at least one other Romance language and may select a concentration in Romance Linguistics.

Specialization in French Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (SLATE)
This Ph.D. curriculum in French SLATE combines advanced studies in French with a research focus on some aspect of second language learning and teaching. It is an inter-disciplinary Ph.D. concentration that offers training in a wide range of disciplines related to second language learning and teaching, with a focus on bilingualism, foreign, second, and heritage language teaching and learning. Courses are offered in collaboration with multiple departments and units in the School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the College of Education. Candidates in French selecting this option are required to complete course work in theories of language teaching and acquisition, linguistic theory, and French language and culture beyond the requirements of the M.A. in Language Learning. Advanced course work related to the candidate’s research area is chosen in consultation with the French SLATE advisor.