The Department of French and Italian offers graduate programs leading to the Master of Arts and the Doctor of Philosophy degrees in French and in Italian. Candidates for the master’s degree may specialize in French Studies, French Linguistics, French Language Learning, or Italian. Candidates for the doctoral degree in French may choose one of three specializations: French Studies, French Linguistics, or Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (SLATE).

The following minors and certificates may be pursued: Cinema Studies, Gender & Women’s Studies, Translation Studies, Criticism and Interpretive Theory, Romance Linguistics, and Second Language Acquisition & Teacher Education.

**Graduate Degree Programs in French & Italian**

**French, MA**
- concentration: [Medieval Studies](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/medieval-studies)
- concentration: [Romance Linguistics](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/romance-linguistics)
- concentration: [Second Language Acquisition & Teacher Education](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/second-language-acquisition-teacher-education)

**Italian, MA**
- concentration: [Medieval Studies](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/medieval-studies)
- concentration: [Romance Linguistics](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/romance-linguistics)
- concentration: [Second Language Acquisition & Teacher Education](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/second-language-acquisition-teacher-education)

**Admission**

French

Students considering admission to the master’s program should usually have had a college major in French. Applicants should apply online and submit a statement of purpose, three letters of recommendation and two writing samples (5-10 pages each), at least one of which must be in French. Original transcripts showing all undergraduate and graduate work completed should be sent to SLCL Graduate Student Services. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are required of all domestic applicants and should be submitted to institution code 1836. International applicants who have taken the GRE are encouraged to submit their scores as well. Applicants whose native language is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and must score at least 79 on the internet-based test (iBT); they must also pass the speaking sub-section of the iBT with a minimum score of 24. Admission for the spring semester is rare. Students seeking admission to the Ph.D. program with a Master of Arts degree earned elsewhere are expected to have a minimum 3.5 grade point average in graduate coursework. The master’s degree should be in French literature, French studies, or French linguistics. Candidates seeking admission to the Ph.D. specialization in Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education may hold a Master of Arts in Teaching degree instead.
Facilities and Resources
A language learning lab provides computer-based access to resources and audio-video services. The phonetics lab contains state-of-the-art equipment available to graduate student researchers. The Kolb-Proust Archive for Research, a unit of the Library, houses a wealth of information about Marcel Proust and his time, including the important collection of notes and materials assembled by Philip Kolb, who was a professor in the Department. Documents from the collection are accessible online on the World-Wide Web through a searchable SGML-encoded Virtual Archive (www.library.illinois.edu/kolbp) (http://www.library.illinois.edu/kolbp).

Financial Aid
All students who apply for admission are considered for financial aid. Subject to budgetary conditions, and assuming satisfactory academic and teaching performance, the Department offers two years of financial aid toward the M.A. degree and an additional four years of support toward completion of the Ph.D.

Teaching Assistantships are the most common form of graduate student support. The usual appointment requires teaching three courses during the academic year.

Research Assistantships require the recipient to assist with a faculty member’s research for a specific number of hours per week. A research assistantship may be combined with a teaching assistantship.

Fellowships are offered for new and continuing students. No separate application form is required.

Tuition and Fee Waivers are included in waiver-generating fellowship, teaching assistantship, and research assistantship awards.

Graduate students in French may spend the academic year abroad under exchange agreements with universities in France, Belgium, and Canada, employed as teaching assistants.

for the degree of Master of Arts in Italian
Areas of specialization offered in Italian are Italian literature and cultural studies and Italian linguistics. The M.A. in Italian requires a minimum of 32 graduate hours. Students must also successfully complete exams in four areas of Italian literature/cultural studies or three areas of Italian linguistics, chosen in consultation with their advisor.

For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s guidelines for graduate students and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

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