French & Italian Department Profile

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The Department of French and Italian offers programs leading to the MA in French or Italian, the PhD in French, and the PhD in Film Studies with a Concentration in French (an interdisciplinary and interdepartmental degree granted by the Film Studies Program). In addition, the department encourages students to participate in various interdisciplinary programs, such as African Studies; Cultural Studies; European Union Studies; Film Studies; Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies; Global Studies; Medieval and Renaissance Studies; and West European Studies, where students may work toward a graduate certificate in conjunction with their degree.

**PROGRAMS OFFERED:**

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<th>Major Field of Study</th>
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<th>*Avg. Fall Applicants</th>
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* Average = 2010 to 2014
** Students no longer admitted to French MA program w/funding. Funding given to students applying PhD & PhD w/ MA en route.

**Recent French MA/MS/Ph.D.’s Placements:**

**MA**
Part-Time Instructor, University of Pittsburgh
Northwestern University, Ph.D. Program

**Ph.D.**
Assistant Professor of French, University of Vermont
French teacher, Denver Center for International Studies at Montbello
Assistant Professor of French and Arabic, Bloomsburg University
Instructor of French, Antioch College
Assistant Professor of French and Francophone Literature, University of Missouri-Kansas City
Associate Professor of French, California State University, Long Beach
Assistant Professor, Iowa State University
French Content Specialist, National Network of Digital Schools
Instructor of French and Italian, Auburn University

**Recent Italian MA Placements:**

Optimization Specialist, Google Pittsburgh (3 recent grads)
Ph.D. Program, University of Michigan
Ph.D. Program, New York University
Ph.D. Program, University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D. Program, Indiana University
Ph.D. Program, University of TX-Austin
Ph.D. Program, Yale University

**Admissions Requirements:**
French: GRE General Test, Interview and Writing Samples.
Italian: Minimum GPA of 3.0 and Writing Sample.

**Admission Deadline:** French: January 10th; Italian: February 1st
### French Languages & Literatures

**Average GPA of Entering Students:** 3.69  
**Average GRE’s of French Entering Students:**  
Verbal: 158; Quantitative: 148; Analytical: 4.38  
*Average = 2009 to 2012*

Can Students Earn a Degree Exclusively Through:  
- Part-Time Study? [ ] Yes [ X ] No  
- Evening/Weekend Study? [ ] Yes [ X ] No

Are Career-Related Internships/Field Work Available?  
[ X ] Yes [ ] No

Number of Faculty Members Actively Involved with Graduate Students through Teaching or Research:  
Part-Time: 0  
Full-Time: 6

Percentage of Students fully FUNDED BY DEPARTMENT (e.g., Assistantships, Fellowships):  
[ ] 100%  
[ X ] 50-99%  
[ ] Less than 50%  
[ ] None

How many years of support guaranteed from department:  
6 Years – Ph.D. w/ BA  
5 Years – Ph.D. w/ MA

Are Departmental Awards Available to Master’s Degree Students?  
[ X ] Yes [ ] No

**French Special Program Highlights:**  
- Biennial Graduate Student Conference  
- Concentration in Romance Languages  
- Faculty Graduate Student Seminar  
- One-year exchange program in France (Nanterre)  
- Optional Track in Literature and Politics  
- Ph.D. in Film Studies  
- Study Abroad Teaching Opportunities  
- Summer Research Fellowships and Teaching  
- Teaching 3rd-Year Courses (Intro to Lit, French Culture, Conversation)

**Current Research Interests of French Faculty:**  
- French & Francophone Lit. & Culture of All Periods  
- French Film  
- French Linguistics  
- Gender and Sexuality  
- Haitian and Caribbean Studies  
- Literary and Cultural Theory  
- Literature & Politics; Constructs of the French Nation  
- Medieval and Early Modern French Literature and Culture

### Italian Languages & Literatures

**Average GPA of Entering Students:** 3.57  
**Average GRE’s of Italian Entering Students:** Not Applicable  
*Average = 2009 to 2012*

Can Students Earn a Degree Exclusively Through:  
- Part-Time Study? [ ] Yes [ X ] No  
- Evening/Weekend Study? [ ] Yes [ X ] No

Are Career-Related Internships/Field Work Available?  
[ X ] Yes [ ] No

Number of Faculty Members Actively Involved with Graduate Students through Teaching or Research:  
Part-Time: 0  
Full-Time: 4

Percentage of Students fully FUNDED BY DEPARTMENT (e.g., Assistantships, Fellowships):  
[ ] 100%  
[ X ] 50-99%  
[ ] Less than 50%  
[ ] None

How many years of support guaranteed from department:  
2 Years

Are Departmental Awards Available to Master’s Degree Students?  
[ X ] Yes [ ] No

**Italian Special Program Highlights:**  
- Award-winning Faculty  
- Biennial Graduate Student Conference  
- Excellent PhD placement record  
- Faculty Graduate Student Seminar  
- Study Abroad Teaching Opportunities  
- Summer Scholarships

**Current Research Interests of Italian Department’s Faculty:**  
- 17th, 18th-Century Italian Literature and Culture  
- Dante and His Reception  
- Holocaust Literature and Film  
- Humanism and Renaissance Studies  
- Italian American popular culture  
- Italian Theater  
- Second Language Acquisition  
- Sicilian Literature and Film
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