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# French

In the Department of European Studies  
In the College of Arts and Letters

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## Associateships

Graduate teaching associateships in French are available to a limited number of qualified students. Application forms and additional information may be secured from the Department of European Studies.

## General Information

The Department of European Studies offers graduate study leading to the Master of Arts degree in French.

Research areas of the graduate faculty cover all periods of French literature as well as French linguistics and Francophone studies. The library collection provides up-to-date research resources – books, periodicals, microfilms and video materials in all of these areas. A foreign language multimedia center is available to both undergraduate and graduate students.

The graduate program in French offers opportunities for well-qualified M.A. candidates to complete up to 12 units of their 30 unit official program at French speaking universities. In addition to the MICEFA program at the Universities of Paris, graduate students may participate in the CSU International Programs in both Paris and Aix-en-Provence as well as several French speaking institutions in Quebec. The Office of the Executive Director for International Programs also has international student exchange agreements with a number of French-speaking universities.

## Admission to Graduate Study

The student must satisfy the general requirements for admission to the university with classified standing, as described in Part Two of this bulletin. In addition, the student must satisfy the following requirements: (1) an undergraduate major in French, or its equivalent, including 30 upper division units, at least six units of which must be in a survey course in French literature; (2) a GPA of 3.0 (on a 4-point scale) in all upper division French courses; (3) a minimum score of 500 on the verbal section and 450 on the quantitative section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test.

Students applying for admission should electronically submit the university application available at <http://www.csumentor.edu> along with the \$55 application fee.

All applicants must submit admissions materials separately to SDSU Graduate Admissions and to the Department of European Studies.

## Graduate Admissions

The following materials should be submitted as a complete package directly to:

Graduate Admissions  
Enrollment Services  
San Diego State University  
San Diego, CA 92182-7416

- (1) Official transcripts (in sealed envelopes) from all postsecondary institutions attended;

Note:

- Students who attended SDSU need only submit transcripts for work completed since last attendance.
- Students with international coursework must submit both the official transcript and proof of degree. If documents are in a language other than English, they must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

- (2) GRE scores (<http://www.ets.org>, SDSU institution code 4682);
- (3) TOEFL score, if medium of instruction was in a language other than English (<http://www.ets.org>, SDSU institution code 4682).

## Department of European Studies

The following materials should be mailed or delivered to:

Department of European Studies  
(Attention: Graduate Adviser)  
San Diego State University  
5500 Campanile Drive  
San Diego, CA 92182-7704

- (1) Three letters of recommendation from professors, at least two of which should be from professors of French at the institution where the degree was granted (in sealed and signed envelopes);
- (2) A writing sample (your best paper written in French, preferably for a literature class);
- (3) The filled out graduate teaching assistant application form if you are interested in teaching French in the program). The graduate teaching assistant form should be requested from the graduate adviser for the M.A. in French before the application deadline.

## Advancement to Candidacy

All students will be required to pass a qualifying examination in French given by the Department of European Studies. This examination will also satisfy the foreign language requirement as stated in Part Two of this bulletin.

## Specific Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree

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In addition to meeting the requirements for classified graduate standing and the basic requirements for the master's degree as described in Part Two of this bulletin, the student must complete a graduate program of at least 30 units which includes a major consisting of at least 24 units in French, of which at least 18 units must be in 600- and 700-numbered courses in French, including French 799A, Thesis, for those following Plan A.

Students, with the consent of the graduate adviser, may elect Plan A, which includes French 799A, Thesis (minimum GPA 3.6), or Plan B, which includes written and oral examinations in lieu of the thesis.