

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures offers two options leading to the M.A. degree in Languages, Literatures and Cultures with specializations in French, German, and Spanish. The student may choose between a selective focus on literature, language, and culture (Option I) or may elect to follow an interdisciplinary course of study (Option II). Although the two options differ in scope and emphasis, a core of required courses common to both stresses the development and enhancement of linguistic, research, and critical skills. Both options are designed to meet the needs of students who wish to pursue advanced studies in a foreign language and its literary and broad cultural manifestations as one of the liberal arts. Both options are also designed to serve students who, for professional reasons, seek to continue their studies for eventual admission to a doctoral program or to meet specific career objectives in the private, governmental, or academic sectors.

OPTION I is designed to prepare the student for continued advanced study in language, literature, and culture. Students who select Option I may expect to broaden and deepen their command of language and literature with specific emphasis on the development of the critical skills necessary for advanced independent research. Students pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Languages, Literatures and Cultures under Option I must earn a minimum of 32 semester credits and write a master's thesis, and pass both written and oral comprehensive examinations.

Minimum Course Requirements	Credits
L 500 Stylistics/Language Analysis*	3
L 510 Research Methods	1
L 516 Theory and Methods in Foreign Language Instruction (GTAs)**	3
L 525 History of the Language	3
L 530 Literary Theory & Criticism	3
L 535 Graduate Studies in Civilization	3
L 692 Seminar	3
L 699 Thesis	3-6
Additional courses in the language, literature, or culture of specialization or appropriate courses outside the Department	min. 10

*L 500 may be replaced by a literature course on approval of the adviser

**L 516 may be waived in cases of extensive experience or training

OPTION II combines the study of language, literature and culture including application of their critical methodologies, with the study of another field in the humanities such as art, education, history, psychology, anthropology, English (if not in Joint Program) etcetera*. It enables students to broaden the scope of their studies and to develop an interdisciplinary approach appropriate to the critical examination of the fields they have chosen. Option II should be undertaken only by students who already have a strong interest AND preparation in the collateral field.

* *Other fields must be approved by graduate coordinator, thesis advisor or chair.*

Students pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Languages, Literatures and Cultures under Option II must earn a minimum of 32 semester credits. Course work must include a minimum of 21 credits in the language or literature of specialization and at least 9 credits earned in approved course work in a supporting field¹. Students electing this option must also demonstrate a reading knowledge of a second foreign language, write an interdisciplinary master's paper or thesis, and pass written and oral examinations, which shall have a focus appropriate to the interdisciplinary emphasis of the program of study. Option II may not be used to complete the undergraduate requirements for a teacher's certificate, but may be used to study certain graduate courses from the TESL program.

Minimum Course Requirements

Credits

L 500		Stylistics/Language Analysis*	
		3	
L 510		Research Methods	
		1	
L 516	Theory and Methods in Foreign Language Instruction (GTAs) **	3	
L 525		History of the Language	
		3	
L 530	Literary Theory & Criticism	3	
	OR (choose between L 530 or L 535)		
L 535		Graduate Studies in Civilization	
		3	
L 692		Seminar	
		3	
L 699		Thesis with interdisciplinary focus	
		3-6	
L	Additional courses in the language, literature, or civilization of specialization	(min) 6	
	Course work in collateral field	7-9	

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**L 516 may be waived in cases of extensive experience or training

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JOINT MASTER OF ARTS DEGREES IN ENGLISH (TESL) AND LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

This three-year program requires concurrent study in two master's degree programs, one in English (TEFL/TESL) and the other in Languages, Literatures and Cultures (French, German, or Spanish). The two sponsoring departments provide an interdisciplinary program to enhance both theoretical and applied competencies in the learning and teaching of English and foreign languages as expressions of their respective cultures.

¹ If less than 9, the other 3 credits must be from FLL.

Admission to the joint Master of Arts program requires an undergraduate major or equivalent proficiency in a foreign language. Non-US citizens must achieve a TOEFL score of 550 or higher before admission. In addition, students must pass written and oral comprehensive examinations in both the language of specialization and in TESL. Students must earn 60 credits of graduate study to receive both M.A. degrees. Students planning to complete the Joint M.A. Program should declare their intent to both departments prior to registration for their first semester.

Minimum Course Requirements		Credits
Plan A (with Master's Thesis)		
E 514	Phonology and Morphology for EFL/ESL	3
E 515	Syntax for EFL/ESL	3
E 526	Teaching English as a Foreign/Second Language	3
E 527	Theories of Foreign/Second Language Learning	
E 684	Supervised College Teaching (Practicum)	(min) 2
E 687	Internship (for IEP teaching)	(min) 2
E	Additional graduate credits in ESL/EFL and linguistics*	11-14
	*A research methods course is highly recommended.	
L 500	Stylistics/Language Analysis*	3
L 510	Research Methods	1
L 516	Theory and Methods in Foreign Language Instruction (GTAs)	3
L 525	History of the Language	3
L 535	Graduate Studies in Civilization	2
L	Additional graduate credits in the language, culture, and literature of specialization	11-17
E/L 699	Thesis	6-9

*L 500 may be replaced by a literature course on approval of adviser

Plan B (with Master's Paper)

Courses listed in Plan A, except E 699/L 699	(min) 56
E/L 695 Independent Study/Master's Paper (2cr in each Dept.)	4
E / L Additional Electives	2-4

Additional Departmental Policies and Requirements

- A. Of the 32 hours required for the M.A. degree, a minimum of 24 hours must be earned in residence;
- B. Graduate credit will not be allowed for 300- and 400-level courses in the language of specialization. 400 level courses from FLL may be included as part of the program with approval (adviser, Graduate Coordinator). 300- and 400- level courses outside the area of specialization may be included (see Graduate Bulletin) with approval of advisor or Graduate Coordinator.

- C. Graduate teaching assistants must enroll for at least 9 hours each semester; at least one course per semester must be taken in the language of specialization (French, German, or Spanish);
- D. Enrollment in L695, Independent Study, must be formally requested; signatures of adviser and Department Chair are required. Only in unusual cases will the Department of Foreign Languages allow the student to apply more than 3 hours of L695 credit to the 32 hours required for the degree;
- E. Program changes must be approved by the student's main adviser.
- F. Grades of Incomplete (I) must be cleared prior to oral exams.