

LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES, MA

Degree Requirements

Comparative Literature Concentration (33 Hours)

Candidates for the M.A. in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures: Comparative Literature Concentration must take graduate-level literature courses in one foreign language and study at least two national literatures. The written portion of the M.A. comprehensive exam is identical to the Comparative Literature Ph.D. qualifying exam. Students will write a thesis on a topic chosen by them in conjunction with their committee and the graduate director. The thesis will culminate in an oral defense.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses: 9		
FORL 776	The Teaching of Foreign Languages in College ¹	
Advisor-approved course in Literacy or Cultural Theory		
Advisor-approved course in Literature or Culture		
Comparative Literature ²		6-9
CPLT 701	Classics of Western Literary Theory	
CPLT 702	Modern Literary Theory	
CPLT 703	Topics in Contemporary Literary Theory	
First Literature ²		6-9
Select three graduate courses		
Second Literature ²		
Select two graduate courses		
Thesis		6
CPLT 799	Thesis Preparation	

¹ Required of all graduate teaching assistants.

² Students who have taken 1 of these courses to satisfy the common requirement for an advisor-approved course in Literacy or Cultural Theory do not need to re-take it.

French Concentration (33 Hours)

The M.A. in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures: French Concentration requires, in addition to course work, a written and oral comprehensive examination based on a reading list and demonstration of a reading knowledge in a third language other than French or English. (Students whose native language is neither English nor French already satisfy the third language requirement.) At least 18 semester hours (thesis option) or 24 semester hours (non-thesis option) must be taken in 700-level or above courses.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses:		
FORL 776	The Teaching of Foreign Languages in College ¹	
Advisor-approved course in Literacy or Cultural Theory		
Advisor-approved course in Literature or Culture		
Thesis Option		24
Candidates who elect to write an M.A. thesis will take 24 semester hours of course work, which should include at least 3 and up to 6 hours of FREN 799. In addition, they will submit a thesis and will present a final oral defense of the thesis.		

FREN 517 French Linguistics

Non-Thesis Option 24

Candidates who elect to replace the M.A. thesis with extra course work must complete 24 hours of graduate-level courses, which may not include FREN 799. They must also submit a substantial research project, typically a revised and expanded version of a paper written for one of the M.A. courses.

FREN 517 French Linguistics

¹ Or an equivalent approved substitute is required of all graduate teaching assistants.

German Concentration (33 Hours)

The three basic requirements for the degree of M.A. in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures: German Concentration consist of 33 semester hours of course work, a written and oral comprehensive examination, and demonstration of a reading knowledge in a third language other than German or English. (Students whose native language is neither English nor German already satisfy the third language requirement.) At least 18 semester hours (thesis option) or 24 semester hours (non-thesis option) must be taken in 700-level or above courses.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses: 9		
FORL 776	The Teaching of Foreign Languages in College ¹	
Advisor-approved course in Literacy or Cultural Theory		
Advisor-approved course in Literature or Culture		
Thesis Option		24
Students who write a thesis must take a total of 24 semester hours, which should include at least 3 and up to 6 hours of GERM 799. There is a final oral examination for students who write a thesis.		
Non-Thesis Option		24
Students who do not write a thesis must submit an enhanced seminar paper; they are required to take a total of 24 semester hours of course work.		

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Spanish Concentration (33 Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses: 9		
FORL 776	The Teaching of Foreign Languages in College ¹	
Advisor-approved course in Literacy or Cultural Theory		
Advisor-approved course in Literature or Culture		
Thesis Option		24
Graduate Coursework:		
SPAN 515	Introduction to Spanish Linguistics	
at least 1 SPAN course 700-level or above		
at least 3 and up to 6 hours of SPAN 799		
Reading Knowledge of a Third Language		

Demonstrate a reading knowledge of a language other than Spanish and English by passing the graduate reading exam or the 615 course in that language. Students whose native language is neither English nor Spanish already satisfy the third language requirement.

Advanced Oral and Written Knowledge of Spanish

Demonstrate both oral and written control of Spanish at the advanced level both through coursework and in the comprehensive examination.

Comprehensive Examination

Successfully complete a comprehensive examination.

Thesis

Present and successfully defend an M.A. thesis.

Non-Thesis Option 24

Graduate Coursework in Spanish

SPAN 515 Introduction to Spanish Linguistics

at least 1 SPAN course 700-level or above

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Demonstrate both oral and written control of Spanish at the advanced level both through coursework and in the comprehensive examination.

Comprehensive Examination

Successfully complete a comprehensive examination.

¹ With permission of the Spanish graduate advisor, one graduate course in another foreign language, linguistics, comparative literature, women's and gender studies, or a related area may be taken towards the M.A. concentration in Spanish.