

FRENCH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (FRIT)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Arts and Humanities

Abstract

The Department of French and Italian prepares students for the Master of Arts (FRIT) and Doctor of Philosophy (FRMS) degrees in French language, literatures and cultures from around the world. The research interests of the graduate faculty span the Renaissance to the present. Graduate students can expect to take courses that focus in three main areas of research and study: 1. Colonial and Post-colonial literatures and cultures across the centuries; 2. Gender across the centuries; and 3. Media & Print cultures. For the doctoral program, consult the graduate catalog under FRMS, "Modern French Studies."

Financial Assistance

Graduate applicants can request to be considered for Teaching Assistantships and Graduate Fellowships. Graduate Teaching Assistantships carry ten-month stipends for two years, plus financial assistance of all fees (10 credits) other than those for registration and health facilities.

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Courses: FREN

ADMISSIONS

General Requirements

- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))

Program-Specific Requirements

- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- CV/Resume
- Writing Sample (one required, up to one more optional)

All applicants are automatically considered for departmental Fellowships and Teaching Assistantships.

Application Deadlines

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline	Spring Deadline	Summer Deadline
Domestic Applicants			
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	January 21, 2026	September 25, 2025	N/A
International Applicants			
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants	January 21, 2026	September 25, 2025	N/A

RESOURCES AND LINKS:

Program Website: [slhc.umd.edu \(http://www.slhc.umd.edu\)](http://www.slhc.umd.edu)

Admissions Information: [gradschool.umd.edu/admissions \(https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/\)](https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions)

REQUIREMENTS

- French Language and Literature, Master of Arts (M.A.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/french-studies-frit/french-studies-ma/>)

FACILITIES AND SPECIAL RESOURCES

With a total student enrollment of over 35,000, the University of Maryland is supported in its academic endeavors by the University Libraries, a system of eight libraries and more than three million volumes. Other area research facilities include two of the world's outstanding libraries: the Library of Congress and the Folger Library, both of which have extensive holdings in French. The School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, the Women's Studies Program, and the David C. Driskell Center For The Study of The Visual Arts and Culture of African Americans and The African Diaspora, the Frederick Douglass Center for Leadership Through the Humanities among other campus units, offer seminars, lectures, and symposia on a wide variety of topics relevant to graduate students in French.