FRENCH STUDIES, MFS

The Master of French Studies (MFS) is a professional degree earned in the Professional French Masters Program (PFMP). The PFMP is separate from the graduate program in French and Francophone literature. It is an interdisciplinary program combining advanced graduate-level coursework in French language and Francophone culture with concentration-area coursework in one of six professional concentration areas: French and business, French and education, French and international education, French and European Union affairs, French and international development, and French and media/arts/cultural production. The PFMP prepares graduate students for careers in business, government, nonprofit organizations, media, advertising, and the arts. All PFMP students do a professional internship, in their field, in a French-speaking country, and present a professional portfolio at the end of their studies.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

To make progress toward a graduate degree, students must meet the Graduate School Minimum Degree Requirements and Satisfactory Progress (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext) in addition to the requirements of the program.

MASTER’S DEGREES

MFS, with available full-time academic track and summer institute track

MINIMUM GRADUATE DEGREE CREDIT REQUIREMENT

30 credits

MINIMUM GRADUATE RESIDENCE CREDIT REQUIREMENT

16 credits

MINIMUM GRADUATE COURSEWORK (50%) REQUIREMENT

Two-thirds of the degree coursework (20 of 30 total credits) must be completed in graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university’s Course Guide (http://my.wisc.edu/CourseGuideRedirect/BrowseByTitle).

PRIOR COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS: GRADUATE WORK FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Full-time academic track: Students may not count coursework from other institutions.

Summer Institute track: With program approval, MFS students in the Summer Institute are allowed to waive up to 10 credits of their required PFMP credits, to recognize graduate work done at colleges or universities other than UW–Madison, if those courses satisfy program requirements and are 6 taken after the student has begun PFMP coursework.

PRIOR COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS: UW–MADISON UNDERGRADUATE

No credits from a UW–Madison undergraduate degree are allowed to count toward the degree.

PRIOR COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS: UW–MADISON UNIVERSITY SPECIAL

With program approval, University Special students enrolled in the capstone certificate “French Studies” may count up to 12 credits of coursework taken while they are capstone students toward the MFS degree. Coursework earned five or more years prior to admission to a master’s degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED

13 credits

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC COURSES REQUIRED

Contact program for specific information.

OVERALL GRADUATE GPA REQUIREMENT

3.00 GPA required.

OTHER GRADE REQUIREMENTS

B or better in FRENCH 615 Grammaire avancee.

PROBATION POLICY

The status of a student can be one of three options:

1. Good standing (progressing according to standards; any funding guarantee remains in place).
2. Probation (not progressing according to standards but permitted to enroll; loss of funding guarantee; specific plan with dates and deadlines in place in regard to removal of probationary status).
3. Unsatisfactory progress (not progressing according to standards; not permitted to enroll, dismissal, leave of absence or change of advisor or program).

ADVISOR / COMMITTEE

Students will work closely with the PFMP Executive Director.

ASSESSMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS

Internship and Oral Examination.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

Students who have allowed a session to “lapse” without enrolling during that session, and without approval to take a leave of absence, must reapply to the program if they desire to continue. See program for more details.

Leaves of absence are viable for one semester only.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

No additional language requirements.

ADMISSIONS

The Graduate School sets minimum requirements for admissions (https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements). Academic program admission requirements are often more rigorous than those set by
the Graduate School. Please check the program website (http://pfmp.wisc.edu/aboutus?q=apply) for details.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

• Speak, read, listen and write in French at a level sufficient to work successfully among native French speakers in the student’s concentration area.
• Identify, select and retrieve primary and secondary sources in research projects, using techniques expected by professionals working in the student’s concentration area.
• Demonstrate a thorough understanding of the relationship between practices and perspectives in the cultures of the world’s major French-speaking regions.
• Articulate, critique, and elaborate the major professional approaches and best practices in the student’s concentration area.
• Demonstrate understanding of the student’s concentration area in its historical and cultural context.

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

• Successfully apply major professional approaches and best practices to professional projects in a French-speaking organizational setting outside the United States, in the student’s concentration area.
• Use the most appropriate methodologies for success when beginning or returning to work in the student’s concentration area.

PEOPLE

French Faculty: Professors Bousquet (chair), Debaisieux, Goodkin, Langer, Miernowski, Songolo, Tochon and Vila; Associate Professors Armbrecht, El-Nossery, Willis Allen, and Vatan; Assistant Professors Armstrong, Dima, and Gipson

Italian Faculty: Professors Bousquet (chair), Buccini, Livorni, Rumble; Associate Professors Menechella, Phillips-Court; Assistant Professor Todorovic

PFMP Director Ritt Deitz; other faculty from across campus also teach in the program.