

FRENCH STUDIES, MFS

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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 course work in French language and Francophone culture with concentration-area course work 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.

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Students apply to the Master of French Studies through one of the named options:

- Full-Time Academic (<http://guide.wisc.edu/archive/2023-2024/graduate/french-italian/french-studies-mfs/french-studies-full-time-academic-mfs/>)
- French Studies Summer Institute (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/french-italian/french-studies-mfs/french-studies-french-studies-summer-institute-mfs/>)

FUNDING

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information (<https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/>) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Students working toward the MFS degree are enrolled in the Professional French Master's Program (<https://pfmp.wisc.edu/>). Professional French Master's Program students may apply for financial aid (<https://financialaid.wisc.edu/>) and are automatically considered for a number of small private scholarships. They often work part-time, and professional internships sometimes come with small stipends. PFMP students are not eligible for teaching or research assistantships that cover tuition. However, all PFMP students pay the same per-credit tuition (<https://pfmp.wisc.edu/how-much-does-the-pfmp-cost/>).

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	30 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	16 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	Half of the degree coursework (15 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 (https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide (https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/)).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required.
Other Grade Requirements	B or better in FRENCH 615.
Assessments and Examinations	Internship, oral examination, and professional portfolio.
Language Requirements	See Named Options for policy information.

REQUIRED COURSES

Select a Named Option (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/french-italian/french-studies-mfs/#NamedOptions>) for courses required.

NAMED OPTIONS

A named option is a formally documented sub-major within an academic major program. Named options appear on the transcript with degree conferral. Students pursuing the Master of French Studies must select one of the following named options:

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- FRENCH STUDIES: FRENCH STUDIES SUMMER INSTITUTE, MFS ([HTTP://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/ARCHIVE/2023-2024/GRADUATE/FRENCH-ITALIAN/FRENCH-STUDIES-MFS/FRENCH-STUDIES-FRENCH-STUDIES-SUMMER-INSTITUTE-MFS/](http://guide.wisc.edu/archive/2023-2024/graduate/french-italian/french-studies-mfs/french-studies-french-studies-summer-institute-mfs/))
- FRENCH STUDIES: FULL-TIME ACADEMIC, MFS ([HTTP://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/ARCHIVE/2023-2024/GRADUATE/FRENCH-ITALIAN/FRENCH-STUDIES-MFS/FRENCH-STUDIES-FULL-TIME-ACADEMIC-MFS/](http://guide.wisc.edu/archive/2023-2024/graduate/french-italian/french-studies-mfs/french-studies-full-time-academic-mfs/))

POLICIES

Students should refer to one of the named options for policy information:

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Take advantage of the Graduate School's professional development resources (<https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/>) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Speak, read, listen and write in French at a level sufficient to work successfully among native French speakers in the student's concentration area.
2. Identify, select and retrieve primary and secondary sources in research projects, using techniques expected by professionals working in the student's concentration area.
3. Demonstrate a thorough understanding of the relationship between practices and perspectives in the cultures of the world's major French-speaking regions.
4. Articulate, critique, and elaborate the major professional approaches and best practices in the student's concentration area.
5. Demonstrate understanding of the student's concentration area in its historical and cultural context.
6. 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.
7. Use the most appropriate methodologies for success when beginning or returning to work in the student's concentration area.

PEOPLE

FRENCH FACULTY AND ACADEMIC STAFF

Professor Gilles Bousquet

PFMP Director Ritt Deitz