The Department of French and Italian offers a special Capstone Certificate of French Studies for Teachers. The program is designed for teachers of French at the K-12 level who are interested in taking graduate-level French-language courses in the Professional French Masters Program (PFMP). The Certificate is designed to prepare working French teachers reach or maintain native-like fluency, advocate more effectively for the teaching and learning of French, and help their students bridge the gap between language learning and careers using French after their studies.

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