

Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures

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Graduate study is offered in the Department of Classical & Modern Languages and Literatures leading to the degree of Master of Arts. Areas of study are French, German, and Spanish.

Admission Criteria

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required for admission to the M.A. program in Classical & Modern Languages and Literatures. International students are required to have a TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of 525 PBT (70 iBT) or an IELTS (International English Language Testing Systems) score of 6 or better for consideration. In order to be considered for an assistantship, applicants must submit all materials, including the Application for Graduate Assistantship, by April 1.

Provisional Admission

An applicant who has not fully met the GPA requirement stipulated by the University may be admitted on a provisional basis. The provisionally-admitted student is eligible for a change to regular status after receiving a 3.00 GPA on the first 9 hours of graduate courses at Mississippi State University (with no grade lower than a C). The first 9 hours of graduate courses must be within the student's program of study. Courses with an S grade, transfer credits, or credits earned while in Unclassified status cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. If a 3.00 is not attained, the provisional student **shall** be dismissed from the graduate program. Academic departments may set higher standards for students to fulfill provisional requirements; a student admitted with provisional status should contact the graduate coordinator for the program's specific requirements. **While in the provisional status, a student is not eligible to hold a graduate assistantship.**

Academic Performance

Continuous enrollment in the University or in a specific graduate program is dependent upon a satisfactory evaluation of academic performance and progress toward the completion of a specified degree. A student's progress is considered satisfactory unless judged to be unsatisfactory by the department and/or the dean of the college offering the program. Unsatisfactory performance may be defined as the failure to maintain a B average in graduate courses attempted after admission to the program, a grade of U, D, or F in any course, more than two grades below a B, failure of the preliminary/comprehensive examination, an unsatisfactory evaluation of a thesis or dissertation, failure of the research defense, or any other failure of a required component of one's program of study. Any one of these, or any combination of these, may constitute the basis for the termination of a student's graduate study in a degree program; individual programs have the right to establish their own criteria.

To be eligible for the preliminary/comprehensive examination, a graduate student must maintain an overall B average in all graduate courses attempted after admission to the program.

Graduate teaching assistantships, awarded on a competitive basis, are available. In order to be considered for an assistantship, applicants must submit all materials, including the Application for Graduate Assistantship, by April 1. For additional information, contact the Graduate Coordinator (p. 1).

Program of Study/Completion Requirements

Thesis and non-thesis options are available. A minimum of 21 graduate-level semester hours taught in one target language must be taken for the thesis or non-thesis M.A.; options, except for students pursuing study in two languages. Students may pursue study in two languages by taking a minimum of 18 hours in each language.

For the thesis option, a minimum of 12 hours must be taken at the 8000-level. For the non-thesis option, a minimum of 15 hours must be at the 8000-level. Up to 6 credit hours of Directed Individual Study credits (FL 7000) may be counted toward the 8000-level requirement. Also required for the degree is a comprehensive written and oral examination based upon all coursework taken and a departmental graduate reading list. Thesis students will also defend their thesis during the comprehensive oral examination.

Master of Arts in Foreign Language - Thesis

FL XXXX	Graduate language courses in chosen area of study ¹	21
Additional graduate-level coursework		3
Research/thesis ²		6
Total Hours		30

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- 1 Students are encouraged to take FL 8113 Capstone Seminar, FL 6023 Introduction to Literary Criticism, and/or FL 8693 Advanced Foreign Language Pedagogy.
- 2 Requires an oral defense of the thesis, given during the comprehensive oral examination.

Note: If students pursue study in two languages, they are required to have a minimum of 18 hours at the graduate level in each language, for a total of 36 hours.

Master of Arts - Non-Thesis

FL XXXX Graduate-level courses in chosen area of study	21
FL XXXX or additional graduate-level coursework ¹	12
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Total Hours	33

- 1 Students are encouraged to continue taking coursework in their area of study. Students are encouraged to take FL 8113 Capstone Seminar, FL 6023 Introduction to Literary Criticism and/or FL 8693 Advanced Foreign Language Pedagogy. Students are also encouraged to work in a minor field such as (but not limited to) History, Education, and Teaching of English as a Second Language.

Note: If students pursue study in two languages, they are required to have a minimum of 18 hours at the graduate level in each language, for a total of 36 hours.