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Southern Oregon University

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French Language Teaching, MA

The Master of Arts in French Language Teaching offers the opportunity for middle school, high school, and community college French teachers to complete a master's degree over the course of three summers. The program is offered through the SOU Summer Language Institute for French teachers at the Université Catholique de l'Ouest in Angers, France.

Each summer, teachers can earn a total of 16 to 18 credits in two three-week sessions. Completion of the Master's degree program requires a total of 48 credits. Up to 6 graduate credits may be transferred from other institutions.

Requirements for Master of Arts in French Language Teaching

Complete 48 credits in graduate-level Summer Language Institute courses. Up to 6 credits of coursework may be accepted from other institutions.

Core Courses

20
(~~19~~ credits total):

- FL 511 - Second Language Acquisition Theory and Practice 3 credits
- FL 512 - Teaching for Proficiency: Methods and Strategies 3 credits
- FL 513 - Foreign Language Assessment: Principles and Strategies 3 credits
- FL 514 - Action Research 3 credits
- FL 515 - Technology in the Classroom 3 credits
- FR 503 - Thesis 1 to 9 credits (3 credits minimum required)
- FR 504 - Action Research Presentation 1 credit

← **FL 501 Data Analysis 1 credit**

Note: Students take the FL 514 Action Research class during the second summer. While working on their Action Research Project during the following year, they must enroll for 1 credit per term of FR 503 Thesis. During the final summer, they must register for 1 credit of FR 504 Action Research Presentation in order to present their Action Research project. Students who do not finish the Action Research Project must register for 1 credit of FR 503 Thesis each term they continue working on the project until it is completed.

Language and Culture Content Courses

(3 credits each - 15-18 credits total)

- FR 526 - Topics in French Literature 3 to 4 credits
- FR 527 - Topics in Francophone Literature 3 to 4 credits
- FR 528 - Topics in French Culture 3 to 4 credits
- FR 532 - Communicative Grammar 3 credits
- FR 550 - Topics in French or Francophone Film 3 credits
- FR 581 - Topics in Theoretical and Applied French Linguistics 3 credits
- FR 582 - Topics in Writing and Translation 3 credits

Pedagogy Companion Course

(2 credits - 10-12 credits total)

- FR 516 - Topics in French Language Pedagogy 2 credits

One-Credit Electives

(No more than ~~four~~ ^{three} credits from this section may count towards graduation. Students who are accepted into the program with IH oral proficiency are required to take these classes each session until they test at the AL level.)

- FR 510 - Advanced French Conversation 1 credit (May be taken for credit up to 3 times)
- FR 511 - Advanced French Grammar 1 credit (May be taken for credit up to 3 times)

Total Credits: 48

Admission

Master's candidates must be currently teaching French at the middle school, high school, or community college level and must have taught for at least one year prior to applying. They must submit a resumé, two letters of recommendation that address their teaching and language experience, a statement of their educational philosophy, and a copy of an ACTFL certified oral proficiency interview rating of at least Intermediate High. Application materials are available at sou.edu/summerlanguageinstitute/apply.

Classes

Coursework is broken down into five 3-credit core courses (FL) that are taught in English, and seven to ten language/culture courses taught in the target language (FR). Summer Language Institute courses are available as space allows to non-master's seeking students who may want additional coursework to improve their teaching skills, language proficiency, or cultural understanding or who may need additional graduate-level coursework to maintain or renew their certification. Students completing their Master's degree must also take FR 503 Thesis for 1 credit each term while working on their Action Research project (minimum of 3 credits) and FR 504 Action Research Presentation to present their project.
