The graduate program in French offers opportunities for well-qualified M.A. candidates to complete up to nine units of their 30 unit official program on a study abroad program. Graduate students may participate in the CSU International Programs, ISEP, or the SDSU Paris Semester. An M.A. degree earned in the program can provide students with university-level teaching experience and access to community college level teaching positions. Students who earn an M.A. in French at SDSU may also continue on to a Ph.D. program or pursue a variety of careers in areas where knowledge of French language and culture are necessary.

Admission to Graduate Study
The student must satisfy the general requirements for admission to the university with classified standing, as described in Part Two of this bulletin. In addition, the student must satisfy the following requirements: (1) an undergraduate major in French; or its equivalent, including 30 upper division units, at least six units of which must be in a survey course in French literature; (2) a GPA of 3.0 (on a 4-point scale) in all upper division French courses; (3) a minimum score of 500 on the verbal section and 450 on the quantitative section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test.

Students applying for admission should electronically submit the university application available at http://www.calsate.edu/apply along with the $55 application fee. All applicants must submit admissions materials separately to SDSU Graduate Admissions and to the Department of European Studies.
Courses Acceptable for Master’s Degree
Program in French (FREN)

Refer to Courses and Curricula and Regulations of the Division of Graduate Affairs sections of this bulletin for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

All upper division courses in French are taught in French unless otherwise stated.

Related 500-level courses in other departments may be taken for a total of six units credit with prior approval of the graduate adviser.

FREN 501. Translation (3)
Prerequisite: French 302.
Stylistic comparison of French and English through translation of a variety of prose styles from English to French and from French to English.

FREN 520. French and Francophone Literary Studies (3)
Prerequisites: French 302 and 305A or 305B.
Specialized study of a century, genre, movement or theme in French and Francophone literature. May be repeated with new title and content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit six units.

FREN 530. French and Francophone Cultural Studies (3)
Prerequisites: French 302 and 421 or 422.
Specialized study of artistic and intellectual trends, customs, and politics in French and Francophone culture. May be repeated with new title and content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit six units.

FREN 596. Topics in French Studies (1-4)
Prerequisite: French 302.
Topics in French literature, culture, and linguistics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor’s degree. Maximum credit of nine units of 596. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master’s degree with approval of the graduate adviser.

GRADUATE COURSES

Related graduate level courses in other departments may be taken for a total of six units credit with prior approval of the graduate adviser.

FREN 621. Critical Methods (3)
Prerequisites: Eighteen upper division units in French.
Methods and theories of critical analysis and their application to the works of a major French author or literary genre.

FREN 631. Issues in French and Francophone Studies (3)
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Study of a theme, theoretical or literary movement, or historical moment. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master’s degree.

FREN 696. Topics in French Studies (3)
Prerequisites: Eighteen upper division units in French.
Intensive study in specific areas of French. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master’s degree with approval of the graduate adviser.

FREN 700. Seminar: A Major French or Francophone Author (3)
Prerequisites: Eighteen upper division units in French.
In-depth study of works of a major French or Francophone author. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master’s degree.

FREN 710. Seminar in a Literary Genre (3)
Prerequisites: Eighteen upper division units in French.
Study of a specific literary genre, e.g. poetry, novel, theater. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master’s degree.

FREN 720. Seminar in French and Francophone Culture and Civilization (3)
Prerequisites: Eighteen upper division units in French.
Study of a specific topic in French and Francophone culture and civilization. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master’s degree.

FREN 798. Special Study (1-3) Cr/NC/RP
Prerequisites: Advancement to candidacy and approval of graduate adviser.
Individual study. Maximum credit three units applicable to a master’s degree.

FREN 799A. Thesis (3) Cr/NC/RP
Prerequisites: An officially appointed thesis committee and advancement to candidacy.
Preparation of a project or thesis for the master’s degree.

FREN 799B. Thesis Extension (0) Cr/NC
Prerequisite: Prior registration in Thesis 799A with an assigned grade symbol of RP.
Registration required in any semester or term following assignment of RP in Course 799A in which the student expects to use the facilities and resources of the university; also student must be registered in the course when the completed thesis is granted final approval.

FREN 799C. Comprehensive Examination Extension (0) Cr/NC
Prerequisite: Completion or concurrent enrollment in degree program courses.
Registration required of students whose only requirement is completion of the comprehensive examination for the master’s degree. Registration in 799C limited to two semesters.