FRENCH AND ITALIAN

Courses offered by the Department of French and Italian are listed on the Stanford Bulletin’s ExploreCourses web site under the subject codes FRENCH (French General and Literature) and ITALIAN (Italian General and Literature). For courses in French or Italian language instruction with the subject code FRENLANG or ITALLANG, see the “Language Center (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/schoolofhumanitiesandsciences/languagecenter)” section of this bulletin.

The department is a part of the Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/schoolofhumanitiesandsciences/divisionofliteraturesculturesandlanguages).

French Section

The French section provides students with the opportunity to pursue course work at all levels in French language, literature, cultural and intellectual history, theory, film, and Francophone studies. It understands the domain of French Studies as encompassing the complex of cultural, political, social, scientific, commercial, and intellectual phenomena associated with French-speaking parts of the world, from France and Belgium to Canada, Africa, and the Caribbean.

Three degree programs are available in French: a B.A., a terminal M.A., and a Ph.D. A Ph.D. in French and Italian is also available.

Visiting faculty and instructors contribute regularly to the life of the French section. The section maintains contacts with the Ecole Normale Supérieure, the Institut d'Études Politiques, and the Ecole Polytechnique.

A curator for Romance languages oversees the extensive French collection at Green Library. The Hoover Institute on War, Revolution, and Peace also includes materials on 20th-century France and French social and political movements.

Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies

The Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies (https://francestanford.stanford.edu), founded in partnership with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, aims to bridge the disciplines of the humanities, social sciences, sciences, engineering, business, and law, to address historical and contemporary issues. Its programs bring faculty and students from across Stanford’s departments and schools in contact with colleagues in France to explore issues of common intellectual concern. The center invites French-speaking scholars to offer courses or give lectures or seminars on campus. It facilitates internships for Stanford students in computer science and engineering in Sophia-Antipolis, France’s new high-tech center near Nice.

Stanford in Paris

The Bing Overseas Studies Program in Paris offers undergraduates the opportunity to study in France during Autumn, Winter, and Spring quarters. It provides a wide range of academic options, including course work at the Stanford center and at the University of Paris, independent study projects, and internships. In addition, the program promotes interaction with the local community through volunteer employment, homestays, and internships. The minimum language requirement for admission into Stanford in Paris is one year of French at the college level.

Courses offered in Paris may count toward fulfillment of the requirements of the French major or minor. Students should consult with the Chair of Undergraduate Studies before and after attending the program, in order to ensure that course work and skills acquired abroad can be coordinated appropriately with their degree program. Detailed information, including program requirements and curricular offerings, may be obtained from the “Overseas Studies” section of this bulletin, the Stanford in Paris (http://osp.stanford.edu/program/paris) web site, or the Overseas Studies Program Office in Sweet Hall.

La Maison Française

La Maison Française, 610 Mayfield, is an undergraduate residence that serves as a campus French cultural center, hosting in-house seminars as well as social events, film series, readings, and lectures by distinguished representatives of French and Francophone intellectual, artistic, and political life. Assignment is made through the regular housing draw.

Mission of the Undergraduate Program in French

The mission of the undergraduate in French is to expose students to a variety of perspectives in French language, culture, and history by providing majors and minors with training in writing and communication as well as cultural, textual, and historical analysis. Through such skills, students develop into critical and global thinkers prepared for careers in business, social service, journalism, and government, or for graduate study in French.

Learning Outcomes (Undergraduate)

The department expects undergraduate majors in the program to be able to demonstrate the following learning outcomes. These learning outcomes are used in evaluating students and the department’s undergraduate program. Students are expected to demonstrate:

1. oral proficiency in French beyond the interpersonal level with presentational language abilities.
2. writing proficiency in French beyond the interpersonal level with presentational language abilities.
3. close reading skills of authentic texts in French.
4. the ability to develop effective and nuanced lines of interpretation.

Italian Section

The Italian section offers graduate and undergraduate programs in Italian language, literature, culture, and intellectual history. Course offerings range from small, specialized graduate seminars to general courses open to all students on authors such as Dante, Boccaccio, and Machiavelli.

Three degree programs are available in Italian: a B.A., a Ph.D., and Ph.D. in French and Italian. An Italian minor program is available to undergraduates.

Collections in Green Research Library are strong in the medieval, Renaissance, and contemporary periods; the Italian section is one of the larger constituents of the western European collection at the Hoover Institution for the Study of War, Revolution, and Peace; and the Music Library has excellent holdings in Italian opera.

La Casa Italiana

La Casa Italiana, 562 Mayfield, is an undergraduate residence devoted to developing an awareness of Italian language and culture. It works closely with the Italian Cultural Institute in San Francisco and with other local cultural organizations. It hosts visiting representatives of Italian intellectual, artistic, and political life. A number of departmental courses are taught at the Casa, which also offers in-house seminars. Assignment is made through the regular undergraduate housing draw.

Stanford in Florence

The Bing Overseas Studies Program in Florence affords undergraduates with at least three quarters of Italian language the opportunity to take advantage of the unique intellectual and visual resources of the city and to focus on two areas: Renaissance history and art, and contemporary Italian and European studies. The program is structured to help integrate
students into Italian culture through homestays, Florence University courses, the Language Partners Program, research, internship and public service opportunities, and by conducting some of the program’s classes in Italian. Many courses offered in Florence may count toward the fulfillment of requirements for the Italian major or minor. Students are encouraged to consult with the Italian undergraduate adviser before and after a sojourn in Florence to ensure that their course selections meet Italian section requirements. Information on the Florence program is available in the "Overseas Studies" section of this bulletin, the Stanford in Florence (http://osp.stanford.edu/program/florence) web site, or at the Overseas Studies office in Sweet Hall.

Mission of the Undergraduate Program in Italian
The mission of the undergraduate program in Italian is to expose students to a variety of perspectives in Italian language, culture, and history by providing majors with training in writing and communication as well as cultural, textual, and historical analysis in order to develop students into critical and global thinkers prepared for careers in business, social service, and government, or for graduate study in Italian.

Learning Outcomes (Undergraduate)
The department expects undergraduate majors in the program to be able to demonstrate the following learning outcomes. These learning outcomes are used in evaluating students and the department’s undergraduate program. Students are expected to demonstrate:

1. oral proficiency in Italian beyond the interpersonal level with presentational language abilities.
2. writing proficiency in Italian beyond the interpersonal level with presentational language abilities.
3. close reading skills of authentic texts in Italian.
4. the ability to develop effective and nuanced lines of interpretation.

Graduate Programs in French and Italian
The department offers a Ph.D. and terminal M.A. in French, a Ph.D. in Italian, and a Ph.D. in French and Italian.

Learning Outcomes (Graduate)
The purpose of the master’s program is to further develop knowledge and skills in French or Italian and to prepare students for a professional career or doctoral studies. This is achieved through completion of courses, in the primary field as well as related areas, and experience with independent work and specialization.

The Ph.D. is conferred upon candidates who have demonstrated substantial scholarship and the ability to conduct independent research and analysis in French, Italian, or French and Italian. Through completion of advanced course work and rigorous skills training, the doctoral program prepares students to make original contributions to the knowledge of French, Italian, or French and Italian and to interpret and present the results of such research.

Bachelor of Arts in French
The French section offers a major and a minor in French. Students are encouraged to pursue a course of study tailored to their individual needs and interests. A degree in French serves as a stepping stone to entering international business, law, translation, and teaching, or as preparation for graduate studies in French, history, or comparative literature.

The French major allows students to combine their work in French with work from another field such as African studies, linguistics, art history, music, economics, history, education, medicine, international relations, political science, or other foreign languages and literatures. The literature

and philosophy specialization offers students the opportunity to pursue interdisciplinary studies at the intersection of literature and philosophy in a structured manner and alongside similarly interested students from a variety of humanistic disciplines.

Declaring the Major
Students declare the major in French through Axess. Students should meet with the Chair of Undergraduate Studies and the undergraduate student services officer in Pigott Hall, room 128, to discuss appropriate courses and options within the major, and to plan the course of study.

Requirements
Complete a minimum of 56 units of coursework in the major.

- These units may not be used towards any other major or minor.
- Courses applied to the major must be taken for a letter grade, and a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better must be achieved in each course.
- Limit independent study courses to no more than 12 units of coursework for the major.
- Relevant courses from other departments or programs and earn credit toward the major as electives with the prior consent of the Chair of Undergraduate Studies.
- Limit to 12 units coursework completed at another university to count toward the major, and only with approval by the Chair of Undergraduate Studies.

Coursework
Prerequisite: To enroll in all French literature courses, students must have successfully completed FRENLANG 124 Advanced French: Composition, Writing, and Presentation, or successfully tested above this level through the Language Center.

1. Recommended Gateway Courses, count toward the major course unit requirement.

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2. Introductory Culture and Literature Courses. 3 courses minimum. For 2019-20, FRENCH 129, 130 and 133 fulfill the Writing in the Major (WIM) requirement.

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<td>FRENCH 133</td>
<td>Literature and Society in Africa and the Caribbean (WIM)</td>
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3. Medieval/Early Modern Courses. Students must take one course that concerns the period before 1800. See the Chair of Undergraduate Studies for additional appropriate courses.

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<td>Food, Text, Music: A Multidisciplinary Lab on the Art of Feasting</td>
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4. Capstone Course. Students must take at least one 200 level FRENCH culture or literature course.
5. Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI). Students must take the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) two quarters prior to degree conferral through the Stanford Language Center (https://language.stanford.edu).

6. Electives. Students must complete a total of 56 units towards the major. A maximum of 28 units can be elective courses. Elective courses can be taken within the following parameters:

- **Coursework within the department.** Additional FRENCH courses taught by French faculty (may be taught in English or French) at the 100- or 200-level.
- **Language course work.** Up to three language courses in French at or above FRENLANG 21C for a maximum of 13 units.
- **Coursework in other departments relevant to the degree, with approval by the Chair of Undergraduate Studies.**
- **Bing Overseas Program.** Courses taken at the Bing Overseas Studies in Paris program with prior approval of the Chair of Undergraduate Studies.
- **Thinking Matters or Education as Self-Fashioning courses taught at least partially by a faculty member of the French and Italian Department.** Students may count a maximum of 10 units.
- **Structured Liberal Education.** Students may count up to 10 units of SLE towards the major electives.
- **Digital Humanities course.** Student work must reflect French interests. Prior approval of the Chair of Undergraduate Studies. Maximum of 5 units.

**Bachelor of Arts in French, French and Philosophy Option**

The French and Philosophy option requires a total of 65 units as described below. This option is not declared in Axess and does not appear on the transcript or the diploma. Substitutions and transfer credit are not normally permitted. Up to 10 units of courses taken in the Philosophy department may be taken 'CR/NC' or 'S/NC'; the remainder must be taken for a letter grade. Once a student has completed the SLE sequence (all three quarters) they may count up to 10 units towards this major. The SLE units can replace one history of philosophy, and one upper-division French course. Students interested in this option should review the Philosophy and Literature web site (http://philit.stanford.edu).

**Required French Coursework**

1. **Advanced Language.** FRENLANG 124 Advanced French: Composition, Writing, and Presentation

2. **Introductory Culture and Literature Courses.** Students must take three of the following core courses.

   - **FRENCH 130** Introduction to Medieval and Renaissance French Literature 4
   - **FRENCH 131** Absolutism, Enlightenment, and Revolution in 17th- and 18th-Century France 4
   - **FRENCH 132** Literature, Revolutions, and Changes in 19th- and 20th-Century France 4
   - **FRENCH 133** Literature and Society in Africa and the Caribbean 4

3. **Upper division French Courses.** At least three courses numbered FRENCH 140 or higher.

4. **Students must take the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) two quarters prior to degree conferral through the Stanford Language Center (https://language.stanford.edu/).**

**Required Philosophy Coursework**

1. **Philosophy Writing in the Major.**

   - **PHIL 80** Mind, Matter, and Meaning (WIM) (prerequisite: introductory philosophy course) 5

2. **Philosophy and Literature Course.** This course should be taken as early as possible in the student’s career, normally in the sophomore year.

   - **FRENCH 181** Philosophy and Literature 3-5

3. **Aesthetics, Ethics, Political Philosophy.** One course from the PHIL 170 Ethical Theory series.

4. **Language, Mind Metaphysics, and Epistemology.** One course from the PHIL 180 series.

5. **History of Philosophy.** Two courses in the history of Philosophy, numbered above PHIL 100.

6. Two additional elective courses of special relevance to the study of philosophy and literature. Students must consult with the Chair of Undergraduate Studies.

7. **Capstone.** One capstone must be taken in the student’s senior year.

**Honors Program**

Students majoring in any DLCL department (i.e., Comparative Literature, French and Italian, German Studies, Iberian and Latin American Cultures, and Slavic Languages and Literatures) who have an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.3 or above and who maintain a 3.5 (GPA) in their major courses, are eligible to participate in the DLCL’s honors program.

Prospective honors students must choose a senior thesis adviser from among their home department’s regular faculty in their junior year by May 1. During Spring Quarter of the junior year, a student interested in the honors program should consult with the Chair of Undergraduate Studies of their home department to submit a thesis proposal (2-5 pages), DLCL Honors application, and an outline of planned course work for their senior year.

Honors theses vary considerably in length as a function of their topic, historical scope, and methodology. They may make use of previous work developed in seminars and courses, but display an enhanced comparative or theoretical scope. Quality rather than quantity is the key criterion. Honors theses range from 40 to 90 pages not including bibliography and notes.

Honors students are encouraged to participate in the DLCL program hosted by Bing Honors College. This DLCL Honors College is designed to help students develop their projects and is offered at the end of the summer. Applications must be submitted through the Bing program. For more information, view the Bing Honors (https://undergrad.stanford.edu/programs/bhc/about-bing-honors-college) web site.

**Enrollment**

A minimum of 10 units total, described below, and a completed thesis is required. Honors essays are due to the thesis adviser no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15, of the terminal year. If an essay is found deserving of a
grade of ‘A’ or better by the thesis adviser, honors are granted at the time of graduation.

1. Spring Quarter of the junior year (optional): DLCL 189C Honors Thesis Seminar, 2-4 units S/NC, under the primary thesis adviser. Drafting or revision of the thesis proposal. The proposal is reviewed by the Chair of Undergraduate Studies and the Director of the department and will be approved or returned for submission.

2. Autumn Quarter of the senior year (required): DLCL 189A Honors Thesis Seminar, 4 units S/NC, taught by a DLCL appointed faculty member. Course focuses on researching and writing the honors thesis.

3. Winter Quarter of the senior year (required): DLCL 189B Honors Thesis Seminar, 2-4 units S/NC, under the primary thesis adviser. Focus is on writing under guidance of primary adviser.

4. Spring Quarter of the senior year (option; mandatory if not taken during junior year): DLCL 189C Honors Thesis Seminar, 2-4 units S/ NC, under the primary thesis adviser. Honors essays are due to the thesis adviser and student services officer no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15 of the terminal year.

5. Spring Quarter of the senior year (required) DLCL 199 Honors Thesis Oral Presentation, 1 unit S/NC. Enroll with primary thesis adviser.

The honors thesis in the DLCL embodies Stanford’s excellence in course work and research. It is simultaneously one element of the student’s intellectual legacy and part of the University’s official history. The faculty considers the honors thesis to be far more than a final paper; rather, it is the product of solid research that contributes to conversations taking place within a larger scholarly community and representative of the intellectual vitality of the discipline. For all of these reasons, DLCL honors theses will be visible to future scholars researching similar questions through full online access through the Stanford Digital Repository (https://library.stanford.edu/research/stanford-digital-repository) (SDR) and may be used as course materials for future Stanford honors preparatory courses. For similar purposes, a printed copy may also be kept in DLCL spaces. The DLCL has adopted an opt-out practice. Students who wish to limit the availability or formats in which the thesis may be shared may do so by filling out the appropriate form with the DLCL student affairs office.

**Bachelor of Arts in Italian**

**Declaring the Major**

Students declare the major in French through Axess. Students should meet with the Chair of Undergraduate Studies and the undergraduate student support officer to discuss appropriate courses and options within the major, and to plan the course of study.

**Requirements**

Complete a minimum of 56 units of course work in the major.

- These 56 units may not be used towards any other major or minor.
- Courses applied to the major must be taken for a letter grade, and a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better must be achieved in each course.
- No more than 15 units of coursework for the major should be taken as independent study courses.
- Relevant courses from other departments or programs may also earn credit toward the major as electives with prior approval from the Chair of Undergraduate Studies.
- Up to 15 units of coursework completed at another university or earned through AP credit may be counted toward the major, with approval by the Chair of Undergraduate Studies.

- To enroll in all ITALIAN or ITALLANG courses taught in Italian at or above the 100 level, students must have successfully completed ITALLANG 22A or the equivalent.

**Coursework**

1. **Gateway Courses.** Students are recommended to take a course in the Italian gateway series.

   - **ITALIAN 142** The Good Life: Renaissance Perspectives on Perennial Questions
     - **Units:** 3-5

2. **Intermediate Language.** Students may earn up to 12 units in second-year language courses (maximum 12 units).

   - **ITALIAN 21** Second Year Italian, First Quarter
     - **Units:** 4
   - **ITALIAN 22** Second-Year Italian, Second Quarter
     - **Units:** 4
   - **ITALIAN 23** Second-Year Italian, Third Quarter
     - **Units:** 3-4
   - **ITALIAN 21A** Accelerated Second-Year Italian, Part 1
     - **Units:** 5
   - **ITALIAN 22A** Accelerated Second-Year Italian, Part 2
     - **Units:** 5

3. **Core Culture Courses.** Students must take all three of the following core courses at Stanford (12 units). For 2019-20, ITALIAN 128 The Italian Renaissance and the Path to Modernity fulfills the Writing in the Major (WIM) requirement.

   - **ITALIAN 127** Spectacles of Love, Spectacles of Horror: Introduction to Medieval Italian Literature
     - **Units:** 4
   - **ITALIAN 128** The Italian Renaissance and the Path to Modernity (WIM)
     - **Units:** 4
   - **ITALIAN 129** Modern Italian Culture
     - **Units:** 4

4. **Studies in Italian Culture.** Students must complete a minimum of 10 additional units (2-3 courses) in ITALIAN coursework (may be taught in English or Italian).

5. **Electives.** A maximum of 23 elective units in courses dealing with Italy may be applied to the major. Prior approval from the Chair of Undergraduate Studies is required. The following courses have been pre-approved as electives:

   - **Coursework within the department.** Additional ITALIAN courses taught by Italian faculty (may be taught in English or Italian).
   - **Bing Overseas Program.** Courses taken at the Bing Overseas Studies in Florence program with prior approval of the Chair of Undergraduate Studies.
   - **Thinking Matters or Education as Self-Fashioning courses** taught at least partially by a faculty member of the French and Italian Department. Maximum of 10 units.
   - **Structured Liberal Education.** Students may count 10 units of SLE towards the major electives. Maximum of 10 units.
   - **Digital Humanities Course.** Student work must reflect Italian interests. Prior approval of the Chair of Undergraduate Studies. Maximum of 5 units.

6. Students must take the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) two quarters prior to degree conferral through the Stanford Language Center (https://language.stanford.edu/).

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Italian and Philosophy Option

Required Italian Course Work

The Italian and Philosophy option requires a total of 72 units as described below. This option is not declared in Axess and does not appear on the transcript or diploma. Substitutions and transfer credit are not normally permitted. Up to 10 units of courses taken in the Philosophy department may be taken 'CR/NC' or 'S/NC'; the remainder must be taken for a letter grade. Students interested in this option should review the Philosophy and Literature web site (http://philit.stanford.edu).

- **Intermediate Language.** Students may earn up to 12 units in second-year language courses (maximum 12 units).

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- **Core Culture Courses.** Students must take all three of the following core courses at Stanford (12 units) ITALIAN 128 fulfills the Writing in the Major (WIM) requirement.

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- **Studies in Italian Culture.** Students must complete a minimum of 10 additional units (2-3 courses) in ITALIAN coursework (taught in English or Italian).

- **Additional Requirements.** Students must take the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) two quarters prior to degree conferal. Students should contact the Undergraduate Student Affairs Officer for the major to begin the process.

Required Philosophy Coursework

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2. **Philosophy and Literature Course.** This course should be taken as early as possible in the student's career, normally in the sophomore year.

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3. **Aesthetics, Ethics, Political Philosophy.** One course from the PHIL 170 Ethical Theory series.

4. **Language, Mind Metaphysics, and Epistemology.** One course from the PHIL 180 series.

5. **History of Philosophy.** Two courses in the history of Philosophy, numbered above PHIL 100.

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<td>ENGLISH 163D</td>
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Enrollment

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1. Spring Quarter of the junior year (optional): DLCL 189C Honors Thesis Seminar, 2-4 units S/NC, under the primary thesis adviser. Drafting or revision of the thesis proposal. The proposal is reviewed by the Chair of Undergraduate Studies and the Director of the department and will be approved or returned for submission.

2. Autumn Quarter of the senior year (required): DLCL 189A Honors Thesis Seminar, 4 units S/NC, taught by a DLCL appointed faculty member. Course focuses on researching and writing the honors thesis.

3. Winter Quarter of the senior year (required): DLCL 189B Honors Thesis Seminar, 2-4 units S/NC, under the primary thesis adviser. Focus is on writing under guidance of primary adviser.

4. Spring Quarter of the senior year (option; mandatory if not taken during junior year): DLCL 189C Honors Thesis Seminar, 2-4 units S/NC, under the primary thesis adviser. Honors essays are due to the thesis adviser and student services officer no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15 of the terminal year.

5. Spring Quarter of the senior year (required) DLCL 199 Honors Thesis Oral Presentation, 1 unit S/NC. Enroll with primary thesis adviser.

The honors thesis in the DLCL embodies Stanford’s excellence in course work and research. It is simultaneously one element of the student’s intellectual legacy and part of the University’s official history. The faculty considers the honors thesis to be far more than a final paper; rather, it is the product of solid research that contributes to conversations taking place within a larger scholarly community and representative of the intellectual vitality of the discipline. For all of these reasons, DLCL honors theses will be visible to future scholars researching similar questions through full online access through the Stanford Digital Repository (SDR) and may be used as course materials for future Stanford honors preparatory courses. For similar purposes, a printed copy may also be kept in DLCL spaces. The DLCL has adopted an opt-out practice. Students who wish to limit the availability or formats in which the thesis may be shared may do so by filling out the appropriate form with the DLCL student affairs officer.

**Joint Major Programs in French and Computer Science and in Italian and Computer Science**

The joint major program (JMP) was discontinued at the end of the academic year 2018-19. Students may no longer declare this program. All students with declared joint majors are permitted to complete their degree; faculty and departments are committed to providing the necessary advising support.

See the "Joint Major Program" section of this bulletin for a description of University requirements for the JMP. See also the Undergraduate Advising and Research JMP (majors.stanford.edu/more-ways-explore/joint-majors-csx) website and its associated FAQs.

Students completing the JMP receive a B.A.S. (Bachelor of Arts and Science).

**French Major Requirements in the Joint Major Program**

See the "Computer Science Joint Major Program" section of this bulletin for details on Computer Science requirements.

To graduate with a joint major in Computer Science and French, students must complete a minimum of 46 units of coursework in French in addition to the Computer Science requirements for the joint major. These 46 units may not be used towards any other major or minor. Courses applied to the major must be taken for a letter grade, and a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better must be achieved in each course. Relevant courses from other departments or programs may also earn credit toward the major as electives with the prior consent of the Chair of Undergraduate Studies. Up to 12 units of coursework completed at another university may be counted toward the major, with approval by the Chair of Undergraduate Studies. No more than 12 units of coursework for the major should be taken as independent study courses. To enroll in all FRENCH courses taught in French at or above the 130-level, students must have successfully completed FRENLANG 124, Mastering Advanced French Grammar: Grammar through Contemporary Literature and Culture, or successfully tested above this level through the Language Center.

1. **Gateway Courses.** Students are recommended to take two of the three courses listed below.

   - FRENCH 120 Coffee and Cigarettes: The Making of French Intellectual Culture
   - FRENCH 121 Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Politics, Philosophy, and Literature
   - FRENCH 129 Camus

   **Units**
   - FRENCH 120 4-5
   - FRENCH 121 3-5
   - FRENCH 129 4-5

2. **Introductory Culture and Literature Courses.** Students must take a minimum of three of the following courses. For 2018-19, FRENCH 133 Literature and Society in Africa and the Caribbean fulfill the Writing in the Major (WIM) requirement.

   - FRENCH 130 Introduction to Medieval and Renaissance French Literature
   - FRENCH 131 Absolutism, Enlightenment, and Revolution in 17th- and 18th-Century France
   - FRENCH 132 Literature, Revolutions, and Changes in 19th- and 20th-Century France
   - FRENCH 133 Literature and Society in Africa and the Caribbean

   **Units**
   - FRENCH 130 4
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3. **Medieval/Early Modern Courses.** Students must take one course that concerns the period before 1800. Courses from the department must be at or above the 140 level.

4. **Two Capstone Courses.** Students must take at least one 200 level FRENCH culture or literature course and a blended capstone project. Senior year the student enrolls in a 2 unit independent study FRENCH 199 with a DLCL faculty member. The faculty member advising this project...
must sign off on this description. In order to have it approved as their capstone French and Computer Science project, the student must submit a description of their project to the Chair of Undergraduate Studies in French.

Students must take the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) two quarters prior to degree conferral. Students should contact the undergraduate student services officer for the major to begin the process.

5. Electives. Students must complete a total of 46 units towards the major. A maximum of 18 units can be elective courses. Elective courses can be taken within the following parameters.

• Course work within the department. Additional FRENCH courses taught by French faculty (may be taught in English or French) at the 100- or 200-level.
• Language Course work. Up to three language courses in French at or above FRENLANG 21C for a maximum of 13 units.
• Coursework in other departments relevant to the degree, with approval by the Chair of Undergraduate Studies.
• Bing Overseas Program. Courses taken at the Bing Overseas Studies in Paris program with prior approval of the Chair of Undergraduate Studies.
• Thinking Matters or Education as Self-Fashioning courses taught at least partially by a faculty member of the French and Italian Department. Students may count a maximum of 10 units.
• Structured Liberal Education. Students may count up to 10 units of SLE towards the major electives.
• Digital Humanities Course. Student work must reflect French interests. Prior approval of the Chair of Undergraduate Studies. Maximum of 5 units.

Honors Program

Students have the option to complete the Honors Program for Computer Science and French, by completing an honors thesis that is partially or fully integrated with Computer Science; such a thesis would fulfill both the capstone and honors requirements for this degree. Students also have the option to complete the honors program for French only; such a thesis would not fulfill the capstone requirement for this degree.

French majors with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.3 or above, and who maintain a 3.5 (GPA) in major courses, are eligible to participate in the DLCL's honors program. Prospective honors students must choose a senior thesis adviser from among their home department's regular faculty, in their junior year, preferably by March 1, but no later than May 1. During Spring Quarter of the junior year, a student interested in the honors program should consult with the Chair of Undergraduate Studies of their home department to submit a thesis proposal (2-5 pages), DLCL honors application and an outline of planned course work for their senior year.

Honors papers vary considerably in length as a function of their topic, historical scope, and methodology. They may make use of previous work developed in seminars and courses, but display an enhanced comparative or theoretical scope. Quality rather than quantity is the key criterion. Honors theses range from 40-90 pages not including bibliography and notes. See the DLCL Honors Handbook for more details on declaring and completing the honors thesis.

Honors students are encouraged to participate in the honors college hosted by Bing Honors College (http://www.stanford.edu/dept/undergrad/cgi-bin/drupal_ual/OO_honors_BingHonors.html) and coordinated by the Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages. The honors college is offered at the end of the summer, during the weeks directly preceding the start of the academic year, and is designed to help students develop their honors thesis projects. Applications must be submitted through the Bing program. For more information, view the Bing Honors (http://www.stanford.edu/dept/undergrad/cgi-bin/drupal_ual/OO_honors_BingHonors.html) web site.

Honors essays are due to the thesis adviser no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15th of the terminal year. If an essay is found deserving of a grade of ‘A’ or better by the thesis adviser, honors are granted at the time of graduation.

Dropping a Joint Major Program

To drop the joint major, students must submit the Declaration or Change of Undergraduate Major, Minor, Honors, or Degree Program (https://stanford.box.com/change-UG-program). Students may also consult the Student Services Center (http://studentservicescenter.stanford.edu) with questions concerning dropping the joint major.

Transcript and Diploma

Students completing a joint major graduate with a B.A.S. degree. The two majors are identified on one diploma separated by a hyphen. There will be a notation indicating that the student has completed a “Joint Major.” The two majors are identified on the transcript with a notation indicating that the student has completed a “Joint Major.”

Minor in French

Declaring the Minor

Students declare the major in French through Axess. Students should meet with the Chair of Undergraduate Studies and undergraduate student support officer to discuss appropriate courses and options within the minor, and to plan the course of study.

Requirements of the Minor

To earn a minor in French, students must:

• Complete a minimum of 6 courses at 3 units or more and total 24 units of course work in the department.
• These 24 units may not be used towards any other major or minor.
• Courses applied to the minor must be taken for a letter grade, and a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better must be achieved in each course.
• To enroll in all French literature courses, students must have successfully completed FRENLANG 124 Advanced French: Composition, Writing, and Presentation or successfully tested above this level through the Stanford Language Center (https://language.stanford.edu).

Coursework for the Minor

1. Introductory Culture and Literature Courses: Students must take a minimum of three French Literature courses. Two must be from the FRENCH 130 sequence (8 units):

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2. Electives. A maximum of 12 elective units may be applied to the minor. Prior approval from the Chair of Undergraduate Studies is required. The following courses have been pre-approved as electives:
To enroll in all ITALIAN or ITALLANG courses taught in Italian at or above the 100 level, students must have successfully completed ITALLANG 22A or the equivalent. Language assessments for placement purposes may be arranged through the Stanford Language Center (https://language.stanford.edu).

**Coursework for the Major**

1. **Intermediate Language.** Students may earn up to 12 units in second-year language courses (maximum 12 units)

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<td>Accelerated Second-Year Italian, Part 2</td>
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2. **Bridge Courses and Core Culture Courses.** Students must take at least two of the following courses taught in Italian at Stanford (minimum 6 units). At least one course must be ITALIAN 127, 128 or 129:

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<td>Academic and Creative Writing</td>
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<td>ITALLANG 127</td>
<td>Spectacles of Love, Spectacles of Horror:</td>
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<td>Introduction to Medieval Italian Literature</td>
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<td>ITALLANG 128</td>
<td>The Italian Renaissance and the Path to Modernity</td>
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* With approval of the Chair of Undergraduate Studies, one of these courses may be replaced by a course taken at BOSP Florence.

3. **Electives.** A maximum of 10 elective units may be applied to the minor. Prior approval from the Chair of Undergraduate Studies is required. The following courses have been pre-approved as electives:

- Coursework within the department. Additional ITALIAN courses at the 100- or 200-level taught by Italian faculty.
- Bing Overseas Program. Courses taken at the Bing Overseas Studies in Florence program with prior approval of the Chair of Undergraduate Studies.
- Thinking Matters or Education as Self-Fashioning courses taught at least partially by a faculty member in Italian. Maximum of 5 units.
- Structured Liberal Education. Students may count 5 units of SLE towards the major electives. Maximum of 5 units.
- Digital Humanities Course. Student work must reflect Italian interests. Prior approval of the Chair of Undergraduate Studies. Maximum of 5 units.

**Minor in Modern Languages**

The Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages offers an undergraduate minor in Modern Languages that permits students to demonstrate strength in two distinct modern languages and their literatures. See the "Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/schoolofhumanitiesandsciences/divisionofliteraturesculturesandlanguages/#minortext-minomodelang)" section of this bulletin for further details about the minor and its requirements.

**Coterminal Master's Program in French**

University requirements for the coterminal M.A. are described in the "Coterminal Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/cotermdegrees)" section of this bulletin. For University coterminal master’s degree application forms, see the Registrar’s Publications page (https://studentsaffairs.stanford.edu/registrar/publications/#Coterm).

Each year the department admits a small number of undergraduates to the coterminal M.A. degree in French. Applications for Autumn Quarter must be submitted by January 31 of the senior year to the director of the department. Students must submit the Coterminal Online Application (https://applyweb.com/stanterm) and include the following:

- a written statement of purpose
- two letters of recommendation from faculty at Stanford
- a transcript.

Students accepted into the coterminal program must have been undergraduate majors in French and must meet all requirements both for the B.A. and the M.A.

**University Coterminal Requirements**

Coterminal master’s degree candidates are expected to complete all master’s degree requirements as described in this bulletin. University requirements for the coterminal master’s degree are described in the "Coterminal Master’s Program (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/cotermdegrees)" section. University requirements for the master’s degree are described in the "Graduate Degrees (http://
exploredegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees/#masterstext" section of this bulletin.

After accepting admission to this coterminal master's degree program, students may request transfer of courses from the undergraduate to the graduate career to satisfy requirements for the master's degree. Transfer of courses to the graduate career requires review and approval of both the undergraduate and graduate programs on a case by case basis.

In this master's program, courses taken during or after the first quarter of the sophomore year are eligible for consideration for transfer to the graduate career; the timing of the first graduate quarter is not a factor. No courses taken prior to the first quarter of the sophomore year may be used to meet master's degree requirements.

Course transfers are not possible after the bachelor's degree has been conferred.

The University requires that the graduate adviser be assigned in the student’s first graduate quarter even though the undergraduate career may still be open. The University also requires that the Master’s Degree Program Proposal be completed by the student and approved by the department by the end of the student’s first graduate quarter.

Master of Arts in French

University regulations pertaining to the M.A. are listed in the "Graduate Degrees (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees)" section of this bulletin.

The terminal M.A. in French provides a flexible combination of language, literature, cultural history, and methodology course work designed to enhance the preparation of secondary school, junior college, or college teachers.

Candidates must complete a minimum of 45 units of graduate work, all courses being taken for a letter grade, with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.3, as well as pass the master’s examination at the end of their studies. To fulfill the requirements in a single year, enrollment must be for an average of 15 units per quarter.

Candidates must take one cultural history course (to be taken either inside or outside the Department of French and Italian). All remaining units are to be taken in advanced French literature courses (200 level or above), three of which must be concerned with the pre-revolutionary period of French cultural history.

Applicants should consult Graduate Admissions (http://gradadmissions.stanford.edu) for information related to the application process. Candidates for this degree are not eligible for financial aid or for teaching assistantships.

Examination

The terminal M.A. examination is administered between the third and fifth week of Spring Quarter by a three-member committee, selected each year by the Chair of Graduate Studies. It consists of two parts:

1. Written Exam
   The two-hour written exam tests the candidate's general knowledge of French literature and is based on the French Ph.D. reading list which may be obtained from the chair of Graduate Studies, Student Affairs Officer, or by referencing the French and Italian Graduate Student Handbook.
   The exam requires that the candidate answer two questions (out of three) in a manner that demonstrates his/her ability to synthesize and draw parallels between periods, genres, and systems of representation on the basis of the standard reading list. One question must be answered in French. Use of a dictionary is allowed.
   If the student's performance on the exam is deemed a 'pass' by two out of three of the members of the examining committee, the student is then permitted to go on to the oral examination (taken later the same week). Should the candidate fail the M.A. written exam, he/she is given a second chance at the end of Spring Quarter.

2. Oral Exam
   The 90-minute oral exam is based upon the student’s answers on the written exam. It examines the candidate’s knowledge and understanding of French literary history on the basis of the standard reading list.
   At the conclusion of the oral exam, the examination committee meets in closed session and discusses the student’s performance on the written and the oral portions of the examination. If it is judged adequate, the M.A. degree is granted. In no event may the master’s written and oral exams be taken more than twice.

Doctor of Philosophy in French

University regulations pertaining to the Ph.D. are listed in the "Graduate Degrees (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees)" section of this bulletin.

Degree Requirements

1. Course work
   A candidate for the Ph.D. degree must complete at least 135 units of graduate-level study. 72 of the 135 units must be taken within the department. All courses counted towards the 135-unit requirement for the Ph.D be at the graduate level. Excess course work can be taken at the undergraduate level but may not be used towards the Ph.D. requirements. All course work should be selected in consultation with the Chair of Graduate Studies.

   Required Courses –

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<td>DLCL 311 Professional Workshop</td>
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<td>A minimum of five courses on French literature and culture taught at the graduate level. Three of the required five courses must be taken within the first year.</td>
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2. Elective Courses – Apart from the required courses above, students are granted considerable freedom in structuring a course of study appropriate to their individual needs. During the first year, most course work is done within the French and Italian department, in order to ensure an adequate preparation for the qualifying examination. Students are encouraged to take a variety of courses in order to be exposed to different periods and issues. Students are not allowed to take Independent Study during their first year. In the second and third years, however, the program of study is tailored to the specific interests of the student.

3. Examinations
   Completion of all department and University examinations.

4. Dissertation
   Submission and approval of a dissertation.

5. Teaching
   Ph.D. students are required to teach a minimum of five courses within their five years of funding.

Language Requirements

Attaining a native or near-native fluency in French is a requirement to qualify for the Ph.D. degree. Upon entering the program, candidates must contact the Language Center and arrange to take the OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview) to determine their fluency in French. An advanced level or above must have been reached by the time candidates take their qualifying exam in Autumn Quarter of the second year of study. If a student fails to score in the advanced
Examinations

There are three examinations: the qualifying examination, the field examination, and the University oral examination. Students may not take any department or University exam while course work is incomplete.

Qualifying Examination

The first oral examination, which takes place in the week prior to autumn quarter of the second year of study, tests the student’s knowledge of language and literature and his/her aptitude for critical thinking. The examining committee, determined by the Director of French and Italian, schedules the precise exam date and time.

The exam is based on a standard reading list covering major works from all periods of literature in the language(s) of study, from the Middle Ages to present day. The list may be expanded to reflect a student’s particular interests, but not abridged. The reading list may be obtained from the Chair of Graduate Studies, the graduate student services officer, or by referencing the French and Italian student handbook.

The exam is 90 minutes in length and consists of two parts:

1. A 20-minute presentation by the candidate on a topic to be determined by the student. This presentation may be given in English or in the language of study and should engage, in a succinct manner, an issue or set of issues of broad relevance to the literary history of the language(s) of study. The presentation must not simply be a text read aloud, but rather must be given from notes. It is meant to be suggestive and not exhaustive, so as to provoke further discussion. You may bring a single letter-sized page of notes, printed in 12-point font, with no full sentences except for quotations; you must hand it in at the end of the exam.

2. A 70-minute question and answer period in which the examining committee follows up on the candidate’s presentation and discusses the reading list with the student. At least part of this portion of the exam takes place in the language(s) of study. The student is expected to demonstrate a solid knowledge of the texts on the reading list and of the basic issues which they raise, as well as a broader sense of the cultural/literary context into which they fit and demonstrate the ability to formulate an original point of view on such texts and contexts.

Students who do not pass the qualifying exam their first time may be placed on probation with limited enrollment and be allowed to retake the exam at the end of Autumn Quarter. Should the student not pass the retake exam, his or her studies in the Ph.D. program are concluded.

Students already holding an advanced degree in the relevant area may request to be excused from the Qualifying Exam. However, the student must present a formal request for a waiver to the Chair of Graduate Studies by the end of autumn quarter of the first year. Such a request must document the course work completed elsewhere and include all relevant reading lists. Only in cases where taking the Qualifying Exam would involve considerable repetition of already completed work is such a waiver likely to be granted.

Field Examination

The second oral examination takes place in week prior to Autumn Quarter of the third year of study. Students waived from the qualifying exam take the field exam in the week prior to Autumn Quarter of the second year of study. The exam is 100 minutes in length and consists of two parts:

1. A 20-minute presentation by the student on a topic (a particular literary genre or a broad theoretical, historical, or interdisciplinary question) freely chosen and developed by the individual student working in collaboration with his/her adviser and the Chair of Graduate Studies. The student should design this research project so that it has the focus of an article or a seminar he/she might teach. The student should discuss the proposed topic with the Chair of Graduate Studies before the end of the quarter preceding the quarter
in which he/she plans to take the exam; together they choose a committee of three faculty members with interests close to the proposed topic. In most cases, one of these committee members is the student’s adviser. This presentation is followed by a 20-minute discussion.

2. A 60-minute discussion of a reading list, assembled by the student, which covers about a century of writing. The reading list should include works in all genres relevant to the period covered and should be around two single-spaced pages in length. The list may well include critical and scholarly works or texts from outside the traditional domain of literary studies in the chosen tradition (such as film, philosophy, other literary traditions), but such coverage should be regarded as supplemental except in rare instances where the chair and faculty advisers have agreed to define these materials as the student’s field. Students are required to discuss the reading list for the examination with the Chair of Graduate Studies and with members of their committee during the quarter preceding the examination. A final reading list must be submitted to the committee no later than two weeks preceding the examination. Each member of the committee is assigned a 20-minute period to question the candidate on the reading list and its intellectual-historical implications. The aim of these questions is to establish the student’s credentials as a specialist in the period of his/her choosing, so the core of the reading list must be made up of texts that are essential to any specialist. It follows that reading lists must not focus on the narrow area of the student’s research interest. The tendency to bias reading lists towards the dissertation topic, be it an author or a genre, does not cancel the obligation to cover the major figures and genres. It is understandable that some students, by their third year, have become so deeply committed to their work toward the dissertation that they wish to use the preparation period for the examination as part of their dissertation research. Certainly, some of the exam work may prove relevant, but students should also remember that the examination is the central means of certifying their expertise in a literary period.

The University Oral Examination
This examination takes the form of a dissertation proposal defense. It is to be taken no later than Spring Quarter of the student’s third year. Students must have completed all course work and language requirements before the quarter in which they take the University oral examination. One quarter prior to the University oral examination, students must schedule the exam date and time as well as work with their primary adviser to obtain an outside chair for the examination.

Two weeks before the exam, the student must submit to the committee a 25-35 page proposal, which must contain the following parts:

1. a clear presentation of the student’s central thesis
2. a synthetic overview of the dissertation
3. a description of the methodology that is used in the dissertation
4. an in-depth discussion of current secondary sources on the topic.

The student must also append a bibliography, but this does not take the place of number 4. The proposal must be prepared in close consultation with the dissertation director during the months preceding the exam.

The exam committee consists of four members, in addition to a committee chair from outside the Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages, whose principal functions are to keep track of time and to call on the four members of the committee who question the candidate on the talk and on the reading list.

After a 20-minute presentation on the part of the candidate, each member of the committee (apart from the committee chair) questions the student for 20 minutes. At the end of the hour and forty minutes, the faculty readers vote on the outcome of the exam. If the outcome is favorable, (four out of five votes in favor of the student passing), the student is free to proceed with work on the dissertation. If the proposal is found to be unsatisfactory, the dissertation readers may ask the student to revise and resubmit the dissertation prospectus and to schedule a second exam. A student who fails a second time will be released from the Ph.D. program and awarded a terminal M.A. degree.

Advising
Given the interdisciplinary nature of the Ph.D. programs and the opportunity they afford each student to create an individualized program of study, regular consultation with an adviser is of the utmost importance. The adviser for all entering graduate students is the Chair of Graduate Studies, whose responsibility it is to assist students with their course planning and to keep a running check on progress in completing the course, teaching, and language requirements. By the end of the second year of study, each student should have chosen a faculty adviser whose expertise is appropriate to his/her own area of research and interests.

Yearly Review
The faculty provide students with timely and constructive feedback on their progress toward the Ph.D. In order to evaluate students’ progress and to identify potential problem areas, the department’s faculty reviews the academic progress of each student at the end of the academic year. The yearly reviews are primarily intended to identify developing problems that could impede progress. In most cases, students are simply given constructive feedback, but if more serious concerns warrant, a student may be placed on probation with specific guidelines for addressing the problems detected. Possible outcomes of the yearly review include (1) continuation of the student in good standing, or (2) placing the student on probation, with specific guidelines for the period on probation and the steps to be taken in order to be returned to good standing. For students on probation at this point (or at any other subsequent points), possible outcomes of a review include: (1) restoration to good standing; (2) continued probation, again with guidelines for necessary remedial steps; or (3) termination from the program. Students leaving the program at the end of the first or second year are usually allowed to complete the requirements to receive an M.A. degree, if this does not involve additional residency or financial support.

Ph.D. Minor in French or Italian
The Ph.D. may be combined with a minor in a related field, including Comparative Literature, Linguistics, Modern Thought and Literature, Art History, History, Music, Philosophy, and Spanish. Ph.D. candidates in French may minor in Italian, and vice versa. Students interested in a minor should design their course of study with their adviser(s).

Ph.D. Minor in French Literature
The department offers a minor in French Literature. The requirement for a minor in French is completion of 24 units of graduate course work in the French section. Interested students should consult the Chair of Graduate Studies.

Doctor of Philosophy in Italian
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1. Course work
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A minimum of five courses on Italian literature and culture taught at the graduate level. Three of the required five courses must be taken within the first year.

**Elective Courses**—Apart from the required courses above, students are granted considerable freedom in structuring a course of study appropriate to their individual needs. During the first year, most course work is done within the French and Italian department, in order to ensure an adequate preparation for the qualifying examination. Students are encouraged to take a variety of courses in order to be exposed to different periods and issues. Students are not allowed to take Independent Study during their first year. In the second and third years, however, the program of study is tailored to the specific interests of the student.

2. **Examinations**

Completion of all department and University examinations.

3. **Dissertation**

Submission and approval of a dissertation.

4. **Teaching**

Ph.D. students are required to teach a minimum of five courses within their five years of funding.

5. **Language Requirements**

Attaining a native or near-native fluency in Italian is a requirement to qualify for the Ph.D. degree. Upon entering the program, candidates must contact the Language Center and arrange to take the OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview) to determine their fluency in Italian. An advanced level or above must have been reached by the time candidates take their qualifying exam in the Autumn Quarter of the second year of study. If a student fails to score in the advanced bracket of the OPI test upon entering, he/she is tested again at the beginning of the second year. It is the responsibility of the candidates to design a course of study to improve their proficiency in Italian. Candidates who do not meet the minimum language requirement must discuss their plans to meet this requirement with the Chair of Graduate Studies. By the end of the third year, students must have passed a reading examination in one additional foreign language. If the candidate’s period of concentration is earlier than the Romantic period, this must be Latin; if Romantic or later, French.

6. **Candidacy**

Admission to candidacy is an important decision grounded in an overall assessment of a student’s ability to successfully complete the Ph.D. program. Per University policy, students are expected to complete department qualifying procedures and apply for candidacy by the end of the second year in residence. In reviewing a student for admission to candidacy, the faculty considers a student’s academic progress including but not limited to: advanced language proficiency, course work, performance on the Qualifying Exam (or Field Exam for those with a waiver of the Qualifying Exam), and successful completion of teaching and research assistantships. A student must also have completed at least 3 units of work with each of four Stanford faculty members prior to consideration for candidacy. Students applying to candidacy must provide for their annual review a writing sample in Italian (or English for Italian native speakers) corresponding to a paper completed for a course taken at Stanford. In addition to successful completion of department prerequisites, a student is only admitted to candidacy if the faculty makes the judgment that the student has the potential to successfully complete the requirements of the degree program. Candidacy is determined by faculty vote. Failure to advance to candidacy results in the dismissal of the student from the doctoral program. Candidacy is valid for five years and students are required to maintain active candidacy through conferral of the doctoral degree. All requirements for the degree must be completed before candidacy expires. The Department of French and Italian conducts regular reviews of each student’s academic performance, both prior to and following successful admission to candidacy. Failure to make satisfactory progress to degree may result in dismissal from the doctoral program. Additional information about University candidacy policy is available in the Bulletin (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees/#doctoraltext) and GAP (http://gap.stanford.edu/4-6.html).

7. **TGR Status**

Doctoral students who have been admitted to candidacy, completed all required courses and degree requirements other than the dissertation, completed 135 units, and submitted a Doctoral Dissertation Reading Committee form, must request Terminal Graduate Registration status to complete their dissertations. Each quarter, all TGR students must enroll in ITALIAN 802 TGR Dissertation for zero units, in the appropriate section for their adviser.

**Grading**

Doctoral students in the department must take required courses for a letter grade if available and are expected to earn a grade of ‘B+’ or better in each course. Any grade of ‘B’ or below is considered to be less than satisfactory. Grades of ‘B’ or below are reviewed by faculty: while the grade will stand, the student may be required to revise and resubmit the work associated with that course.

**Examinations**

There are three examinations: the qualifying examination, the field examination, and the University oral examination. Students may not take any department or University exam while course work is incomplete.

**Qualifying Examination**

The first oral examination, which takes place in the first two weeks of October of the second year of study, tests the student’s knowledge of language and literature and his/her aptitude for critical thinking. The examining committee, determined by the Director of French and Italian, schedules the precise exam date and time.

The exam is based on a standard reading list covering major works from all periods of literature in the language(s) of study, from the Middle Ages to present day. The list may be expanded to reflect a student’s particular interests, but not abridged. The reading list may be obtained from the Chair of Graduate Studies, the graduate student affairs officer, or by referencing the French and Italian student handbook.

The exam is 90 minutes in length and consists of two parts:

1. A 20-minute presentation by the candidate on a topic to be determined by the student. This presentation may be given in English or in the language of study and should engage, in a succinct manner, an issue or set of issues of broad relevance to the literary history of the language(s) of study. The presentation must not simply be a text read aloud, but rather must be given from notes. It is meant to be suggesting and not exhaustive, so as to provoke further discussion.

2. A 70-minute question and answer period in which the examining committee follows up on the candidate’s presentation and discusses the reading list with the student. At least part of this portion of the exam takes place in the language(s) of study. The student is expected to demonstrate a solid knowledge of the texts on the reading list and of the basic issues which they raise, as well as a broader sense of the cultural/literary context into which they fit and demonstrate...
Students who do not pass the qualifying exam their first time may be placed on probation with limited enrollment and be allowed to retake the exam at the end of Autumn Quarter. Should the student not pass the retake exam, his/her studies in the Ph.D. program are concluded.

Students already holding an advanced degree in the relevant area may request to be excused from the Qualifying Exam. However, the student must present a formal request for a waiver to the Chair of Graduate Studies by the end of autumn quarter of the first year. Such a request must document the course work completed elsewhere and include all relevant reading lists. Only in cases where taking the Qualifying Exam would involve considerable repetition of already competed work is such a waiver likely to be granted.

Field Examination
The second oral examination takes place in the Autumn Quarter of the third year of study. The exam is 100 minutes in length and consists of two parts:

1. A 20-minute presentation by the student on a topic (a particular literary genre or a broad theoretical, historical, or interdisciplinary question) freely chosen and developed by the individual student working in collaboration with his/her adviser and the Chair of Graduate Studies. The student should design this research project so that it has the focus of an article or a seminar he/she might teach. The student should discuss the proposed topic with the Chair of Graduate Studies before the end of the quarter preceding the quarter in which he/she plans to take the exam; together they choose a committee of three faculty members with interests close to the proposed topic. (In most cases, one of these committee members is the student’s adviser.) This presentation is followed by a 20-minute discussion.

2. A 60-minute discussion of a reading list, assembled by the student, which covers about a century of writing. The reading list should include works in all genres relevant to the period covered and should be around two single-spaced pages in length. The list may well include critical and scholarly works or texts from outside the traditional domain of literary studies in the chosen tradition (such as film, philosophy, other literary traditions), but such coverage should be regarded as supplemental except in rare instances where the chair and faculty advisers have agreed to define these materials as the student’s field. Students are required to discuss the reading list for the examination with the Chair of Graduate Studies and with members of their committee during the quarter preceding the examination. A final reading list must be submitted to the committee no later than two weeks preceding the examination. Each member of the committee is assigned a 20-minute period to question the candidate on the reading list and its intellectual-historical implications. The aim of these questions is to establish the student’s credentials as a specialist in the period of his/her choosing, so the core of the reading list must be made up of texts that are essential to any specialist. It follows that reading lists must not focus on the narrow area of the student’s research interest. The tendency to bias reading lists towards the dissertation topic, be it an author or a genre, does not cancel the obligation to cover the major figures and genres. It is Understandable that some students, by their third year, have become so deeply committed to their work toward the dissertation that they wish to use the preparation period for the examination as part of their dissertation research. Certainly, some of the exam work may prove relevant, but students should also remember that the examination is the central means of certifying their expertise in a literary period.

The University Oral Examination
This examination takes the form of a dissertation proposal defense. It is to be taken no later than Autumn Quarter of the student's fourth year. Students must have completed all course work and language requirements before the quarter in which they take the University oral examination. One quarter prior to the University oral examination, students must schedule the exam date and time as well as work with their primary adviser to obtain an outside chair for the examination.

Two weeks before the exam, the student must submit to the committee a 25-35 page proposal, which must contain the following parts:

1. a clear presentation of the student’s central thesis
2. a synthetic overview of the dissertation
3. a description of the methodology that is used in the dissertation
4. an in-depth discussion of current secondary sources on the topic.

The student must also append a bibliography, but this does not take the place of number 4. The proposal must be prepared in close consultation with the dissertation director during the months preceding the exam.

The exam committee consists of four members, in addition to a committee chair from outside the Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages, whose principal functions are to keep track of time and to call on the four members of the committee who question the candidate on the talk and on the reading list.

After a 20-minute presentation on the part of the candidate, each member of the committee (apart from the committee chair) questions the student for 20 minutes. At the end of the hour and forty minutes, the faculty readers vote on the outcome of the exam. If the outcome is favorable, (four out of five votes in favor of the student passing), the student is free to proceed with work on the dissertation. If the proposal is found to be unsatisfactory, the dissertation readers may ask the student to revise and resubmit the dissertation prospectus and to schedule a second exam. A student who fails a second time will be released from the Ph.D. program and awarded a terminal M.A. degree.

Advising
Given the interdisciplinary nature of the Ph.D. programs and the opportunity they afford each student to create an individualized program of study, regular consultation with an adviser is of the utmost importance. The adviser for all entering graduate students is the Chair of Graduate Studies, whose responsibility it is to assist students with their course planning and to keep a running check on progress in completing the course, teaching, and language requirements. By the end of the second year of study, each student should have chosen a faculty adviser whose expertise is appropriate to his/her own area of research and interests.

Yearly Review
The faculty provide students with timely and constructive feedback on their progress toward the Ph.D. In order to evaluate students' progress and to identify potential problem areas, the department’s faculty reviews the academic progress of each student at the end of the academic year. The yearly reviews are primarily intended to identify developing problems that could impede progress. In most cases, students are simply given constructive feedback, but if more serious concerns warrant, a student may be placed on probation with specific guidelines for addressing the problems detected. Possible outcomes of the yearly review include (1) continuation of the student in good standing, or (2) placing the student on probation, with specific guidelines for the period on probation and the steps to be taken in order to be returned to good standing. For students on probation at this point (or at any other subsequent points), possible outcomes of a review include: (1) restoration to good standing; or (2) continued probation, again with guidelines for necessary remedial steps; or (3) termination from the program. Students leaving the program at the end of the first or second year are usually allowed to complete the requirements to receive an M.A. degree, if this does not involve additional residency or financial support.
Ph.D. Minor in French or Italian

The Ph.D. may be combined with a minor in a related field, including Comparative Literature, Linguistics, Modern Thought and Literature, Art History, History, Music, Philosophy, and Spanish. Ph.D. candidates in French may minor in Italian, and vice versa. Students interested in a minor should design their course of study with their adviser(s).

Ph.D. Minor in Italian Literature

The department offers a minor in Italian Literature. The requirement for a minor in Italian is a minimum of 24 units of graduate course work in Italian literature. Interested students should consult the Chair of Graduate Studies.

Doctor of Philosophy in French and Italian

University regulations pertaining to the Ph.D. are listed in the “Graduate Degrees” section of this bulletin.

Degree Requirements

1. Course work—
A candidate for the Ph.D. degree must complete at least 135 units of graduate-level study. 72 of the 135 units must be taken within the department. All courses counted towards the 135-unit requirement for the Ph.D. be at the graduate level. Excess coursework can be taken at the UG level, but not used towards the PhD requirements. All course work should be selected in consultation with the Chair of Graduate Studies.

Required courses—

2. DLCL 301 The Learning and Teaching of Second Languages (must be taken in first year of studies) 3
DLCL 311 Professional Workshop 1
A minimum of four advanced courses on French literature and culture, and four advanced courses on Italian literature and culture. Four of the required eight courses must be taken within the first year.

Elective Courses—Apart from the required courses above, students are granted considerable freedom in structuring a course of study appropriate to their individual needs. During the first year, most course work is done within the French and Italian department, in order to ensure an adequate preparation for the qualifying examination. Students are encouraged to take a variety of courses in order to be exposed to different historical periods and issues. Students are not allowed to take Independent Study during their first year. In the second and third years, however, the program of study is tailored to the specific interests of the student.

3. Examinations
Successful completion of all department and University examinations.

4. Dissertation
Submission and approval of a dissertation. The dissertation topic must include a substantial quotient of material from both the French and Italian tradition, and the dissertation must include either (1) at least one chapter on French materials and one chapter on Italian materials, or (2) at least two chapters focusing on a comparison between French and Italian materials.

5. Teaching
Ph.D. students are required to teach a minimum of five courses within their five years of funding. Of these five courses the student is required to teach at least one French language course and one Italian language course.

6. Language Requirements
Attaining a native or near-native fluency in both French and Italian is the individual responsibility of all candidates in the Ph.D. program, and remedial course work needed to achieve such fluency cannot count towards the Ph.D. degree.

For students specializing in areas (a) medieval and renaissance and (b) renaissance and early modern, proficiency in Latin equivalent to a second year collegiate level of proficiency (the equivalent of CLASSICS 11L, CLASSICS 12L, and CLASSICS 13L) in reading is also required. Such proficiency may be demonstrated by successfully completing a course in the language in question (at least second-year level, but preferably a graduate seminar); or by passing an exam that establishes a second-year or above level of competence. In no case is passage of a standard reading competence exam considered sufficient.

For students specializing in area (c) modern and contemporary, proficiency in a third language (beyond French and Italian) is not required; students are, however, encouraged to acquire competency in a third language or area that is relevant to their research (e.g. German).

The language requirements should be completed as soon as possible, but in any case not later than the end of the third year.

7. Candidacy
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A student must also have completed at least 3 units of work with each of 4 Stanford faculty members prior to consideration for candidacy. Students applying to candidacy must provide for their annual review a writing sample in French and Italian (or English for French and/or Italian native speakers) corresponding to a paper completed for a course taken at Stanford. In addition to successful completion of department prerequisites, a student is only admitted to candidacy if the faculty makes the judgment that the student has the potential to successfully complete the requirements of the degree program. Candidacy is determined by faculty vote. Failure to advance to candidacy results in the dismissal of the student from the doctoral program. Candidacy is valid for five years and students are required to maintain active candidacy through conferral of the doctoral degree. All requirements for the degree must be completed before candidacy expires. The Department of French Studies conducts regular reviews of each student’s academic performance, both prior to and following successful admission to candidacy. Failure to make satisfactory progress to degree may result in dismissal from the doctoral program. Additional information about University candidacy policy is available in the Bulletin (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees/#doctoraltext) and GAP (http://gap.stanford.edu/4-6.html).

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Examinations
There are three examinations: the qualifying examination, the field examination, and the University oral examination. Students may not take any department or University exam while coursework is incomplete.

Qualifying Examination
The first oral examination, which takes place in the first two weeks of October of the second year of study, tests the student's knowledge of language and literature and his/her aptitude for critical thinking. The examining committee, determined by the Director of French and Italian, schedules the precise exam date and time.

Students may take either two qualifying exams, one in French and one in Italian, or a single qualifying exam in French and Italian. The combined French and Italian qualifying exam covers one of three periods, (a) medieval and renaissance, (b) renaissance and early modern, or (c) modern and contemporary. For each period it is based on a standard reading list. The list may be expanded to reflect a student's particular interests, but not abridged. One third of the combined exam takes place in English, one third in French, and one third in Italian (with the student free to choose which portion transpires in which language). The reading lists may be obtained from the Chairs of Graduate Studies, the graduate student affairs officer, or by referencing the French and Italian student handbook.

The exam is 90 minutes in length and consists of two parts:

1. A 20-minute presentation by the candidate on a topic to be determined by the student. This presentation may be given in English or in the language of study and should engage, in a succinct manner, an issue or set of issues of broad relevance to the literary history of the language(s) of study. The presentation must not simply be a text read aloud, but rather must be given from notes. It is meant to be suggestive and not exhaustive, so as to provoke further discussion.

2. A 70-minute question and answer period in which the examining committee follows up on the candidate's presentation and discusses the reading list with the student. At least part of this portion of the exam takes place in the languages of study. The student is expected to demonstrate a solid knowledge of the texts on the reading list and of the basic issues which they raise, as well as a broader sense of the cultural/literary context into which they fit, and demonstrate the ability to formulate an original point of view on such texts and contexts.

Students who do not pass the qualifying exam their first time may be placed on probation with limited enrollment and be allowed to retake the exam at the end of Autumn Quarter. If the student does not pass the second exam, his/her studies in the Ph.D. program will be concluded.

If, at the qualifying exam stage, a student's work is judged insufficient for admission to candidacy for the Ph.D., the student may petition to continue in French only or Italian only. This petition is reviewed by the qualifying exam committee, the relevant Chair of Graduate Studies, and the Director of the Department of French and Italian.

Students already holding an advanced degree in the relevant area may request to be excused from the Qualifying Exam. However, the student must present a formal request for a waiver to the Chair of Graduate Studies by the end of autumn quarter of the first year. Such a request must document the course work completed elsewhere and include all relevant reading lists. Only in cases where taking the Qualifying Exam would involve considerable repetition of already competed work is such a waiver likely to be granted.

Field Examination
The second oral examination takes place in the Autumn Quarter of the third year of study. The exam is 100 minutes in length and consists of two parts:

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2. A 60-minute discussion of a reading list, assembled by the student, which covers about a century of writing. The reading list should include works in all genres relevant to the period covered and should be around two single-spaced pages in length. The list may well include critical and scholarly works or texts from outside the traditional domain of literary studies in the chosen tradition (such as film, philosophy, other literary traditions), but such coverage should be regarded as supplemental except in rare instances where the chair and faculty advisers have agreed to define these materials as the student's field. Students are required to discuss the reading list for the examination with the Chairs of Graduate Studies and with members of their committee during the quarter preceding the examination. A final reading list must be submitted to the committee no later than two weeks preceding the examination. Each member of the committee is assigned a 20-minute period to question the candidate on the reading list and its intellectual-historical implications. The aim of these questions is to establish the student's credentials as a specialist in the period of his/her choosing, so the core of the reading list must be made up of texts that are essential to any specialist. It follows that reading lists must not focus on the narrow area of the student's research interest. The tendency to bias reading lists towards the dissertation topic, be it an author or a genre, does not cancel the obligation to cover the major figures and genres. It is understandable that some students, by their third year, have become so deeply committed to their work toward the dissertation that they wish to use the preparation period for the examination as part of their dissertation research. Certainly, some of the exam work may prove relevant, but students should also remember that the examination is the central means of certifying their expertise in a literary period.

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This examination takes the form of a dissertation proposal defense. It is to be taken no later than Autumn Quarter of the student's fourth year. Students must have completed all course work and language requirements before the quarter in which they take the University oral examination. One quarter prior to the University oral examination, students must schedule the exam date and time as well as work with their primary adviser to obtain an outside chair for the examination.

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Ph.D. Minor in French Literature
The department offers a minor in French Literature. The requirement for a minor in French is completion of 24 units of graduate course work in the French section. Interested students should consult the Chair of Graduate Studies.

Ph.D. Minor in Italian Literature
The department offers a minor in Italian Literature. The requirement for a minor in Italian is a minimum of 24 units of graduate course work in Italian literature. Interested students should consult the Chair of Graduate Studies.

Graduate Advising Expectations
The Department of French and Italian is committed to providing academic advising in support of graduate student scholarly and professional development. The overall goal of advising, both in the DLCL and the department, is to help graduate students make academic and career choices wisely, and think ahead, in order to craft a long-term plan for their graduate student career and beyond. When most effective, the advising relationship entails collaborative and sustained engagement by both the adviser and the advisee. As a best practice, advising expectations should be periodically discussed and reviewed to ensure mutual understanding. Both the adviser and the advisee are expected to maintain professionalism and integrity. Advising is both an academically invaluable form for the transmission of expertise, as well as a key aspect of creating a strong departmental and Stanford community.

Faculty Advisers
Faculty advisers guide students in key areas such as selecting courses, designing and conducting research, developing of teaching pedagogy, navigating policies and degree requirements, and exploring academic opportunities and professional pathways.

- Upon enrolling, students plan their work under the direction of the Chair of Graduate Studies or a faculty member designated by the program. When the student selects a more specialized adviser, the transition should involve oral or written communication between both advisers and the student concerning the student’s progress, goals, and expectations. It is possible for doctoral students to choose two main advisers at the dissertation stage, provided all agree this is academically sound.
- Faculty advisers should meet with assigned students to discuss their selection of courses and to plan from a broader, longer-term perspective, including discussion of Program milestones and a basic timeline; an overview of Department and DLCL offerings beyond courses; student goals and interests and DLCL or Stanford programs that may be relevant; and (for doctoral students) how to transfer previous graduate coursework.
- Faculty advisers and graduate students should meet at least once per quarter to assess the advisee’s course of study, performance over the past quarter, and plans for the next quarter, as well as longer term plans. If a student has two advisers, the student should meet at least once per quarter with each adviser and at least once per year with both advisers at the same time.
- For doctoral students, faculty should help their advisees plan for exams, research grant applications, develop research projects, and plan ahead for both the academic job market and the job search beyond academia.
- Faculty advisers should provide feedback about the student’s progress to the department during the Annual Review process. For more information about the Annual Review, see the Graduate Handbook.
For a statement of University policy on graduate advising, see the "Graduate Advising (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees/#advisingandcredentialtext)" section of this bulletin.