

FRENCH



Master of Arts (MA) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Graduate students may specialize in various sub-fields in literature, linguistics or francophone culture. It is also possible to carry out graduate studies in applied linguistics as related to the teaching of second languages. The French Department at Dalhousie believes strongly that acquiring teaching experience is a normal part of a graduate student's training, and consequently MA students are generally offered teaching assistantships, while PhD students may be assigned a number of lectureships in the course of their studies.



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Why study French at Dalhousie?

RESEARCH STRENGTHS

French and Francophone Literature and Culture

- French literature from the Middle Ages to the 21st century; Canadian, Quebec and African literatures;
- Literary theory and criticism, poststructuralism and deconstruction, mythocriticism, discourse analysis, socio-criticism, post-colonial theories, history of the book and the media;
- Popular literature, écriture féminine, travel literature, literature of the self;
- Francophone culture, in particular cinema and bande dessinée.

French and General Linguistics

- Semantics and lexicology, syntax, morphology; sociolinguistics;
- Translation and terminology;
- Linguistics applied to language teaching.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

With an MA degree, graduates can pursue teaching careers in high schools and colleges; they can also find rewarding positions in the federal and provincial administration, where bilingual-ism is a must, and in the private sector, including the travel and hospitality industry, where cultural sensitivity is definitely an asset.

A PhD degree opens the doors toward careers in universities and research centres, nationally and internationally, and also in the domains such as information technologies and communications

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general requirements for admission specified by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, a minimum average of B+ and a high level of proficiency in French is required for all the programs, as well as a scholarly interest in one of the research areas listed above.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

MA: typical time to complete is 1-2 years

PhD: typical time to complete is 4-6 years

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Same as the general application deadlines outlined by the Faculty of Graduate Studies (applications are accepted for September, January, and May admission).

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