

Guidelines for Senior Honors in French and Francophone Studies

Qualified students may be admitted to a program of advanced study during their junior year (or at the beginning of the senior year following foreign study), leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts with Honors in French. Admission to senior-level Honors work in French is by application only.

A grade point average of at least 3.4 in all courses, and a 3.5 in all French and Francophone courses, is required for admission and for graduation with Honors in French.

The Honors Committee expects applicants to demonstrate superior ability for their level in both oral and written French, and to present evidence of serious interest in research.

French and Francophone Studies Honors majors are required to complete 36 credits of coursework and successfully defend a thesis:

Course Requirements:

All regular French major requirements must be completed (33 credits) with 3 additional credits at the 300 level or above. 6 of the required 36 credits will consist of French 491 and 492, Senior Honors Courses, normally taken in the fall and winter terms, respectively, of a student's senior year.

Thesis Requirement:

Composition of a thesis, in French, incorporating the results of individual research, demonstrating a substantial piece of work; and

A presentation and discussion of the thesis and of an agreed upon set of related readings with the student's faculty advisor and one other faculty reader.

Working under the direction of a faculty member who serves as thesis director, the student will research the thesis, complete a bibliography and prospectus, and begin drafting the writing process while enrolled in FRENCH 491. In the following academic term the student will enroll in FRENCH 492 and complete the thesis and its presentation and discussion.

Upon successful completion, your faculty advisor will send a report to the Honors program with your thesis title and a recommendation of honors, high honors or highest honors in French.

Please submit your application and supporting documents to: rl.mailbox@umich.edu

Senior Honors in French Application for Admission

Name

Unique Name

UM ID#

Ann Arbor Address

Ann Arbor Phone

Your application must include the following:

An up-to-date U-M transcript. An unofficial transcript is acceptable.

A statement of purpose, written in French. Write a 250 to 300 word proposal for the Honors research project you wish to undertake. Include an explanation of why you want to take on the arduous task of researching and writing a senior thesis and passing a juried oral examination on your thesis and a related set of readings.

A writing sample. Please include a paper written in French by you and corrected and graded by a course professor. It should illustrate your best French writing style, its subject may be anything at all.

A letter of recommendation from a professor with whom you have taken a French course. Students returning from a junior year of study abroad have the option of having their program director write this letter, other options include a professor from your university abroad or someone here who taught you in your sophomore year.

For Committee and Office Staff Use

ADMITTED/ DECLINED Comments:

Faculty Supervisor Assigned:

Independent Study Number

Class Number

**Request for Recommendation
The University of Michigan:
Senior Honors in French and Francophone Studies**

Applicant's Name (type/print clearly)

Applicant: Sign below only if you wish to waive your right to have access to this letter.

I waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Name of Recommender

Signature of the Recommender _____ Date _____

Title

Institution

Recommender: Please indicate below how long you have known the applicant. Then indicate on the back of this page what skills and what qualities of mind the applicant has to equip her/him to undertake a serious, independent research project and to write a senior honors thesis in French, pointing out, if possible, your basis for judgment.

Please submit your application and supporting documents to: rl.mailbox@umich.edu