Modern Languages (MLAN)

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World Languages, Literatures and Cultures Website (https://fulbright.uark.edu/departments/world-languages)

Degree Conferred:
M.A. (MLAN)

Areas of Concentration: French and German. Supporting courses are offered in Greek and Latin.

Primary Areas of Faculty Research: Please refer to the Department of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures website for detailed information on faculty members and their areas of expertise.

Degree Program: The Master of Arts Degree in Modern Languages is offered in two tracks, German and French.

M.A. in Modern Languages with French Track
Prerequisites to Degree Program: The student must have a B.A. degree or equivalent from an accredited institution with suitable preparation in the chosen foreign language and be accepted by the department. Deficiencies in undergraduate major or prerequisites for advanced courses may be included in the student’s program.

French Concentration
The Master of Arts degree in Modern Languages, French Concentration offers course work related to the literary and cultural histories of the greater Francophone world, focusing on France. The program provides advanced preparation in literary analysis and research and offers training for teaching French at the college level, including the most recent technological techniques in teaching foreign languages. Graduates of the program receive a solid preparation to pursue a Ph.D. or to teach at the college or secondary levels. Our comprehensive curriculum enables students to pursue careers in education, government, international organizations and other business opportunities either abroad or within the United States. In conjunction with the Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies program (CLCS), the program contributes to the master’s and Ph.D. programs for students working in either Francophone literature, translation, French literature or French cultural studies.

Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree in Modern Languages, French Concentration: Aside from deficiencies, a minimum of 36 semester hours is required for the degree; six of the hours must be selected from the following courses: WLLC 4023, WLLC 4033, WLLC 5063 or other approved WLLC courses. Each M.A. candidate will submit a list of their course work to the graduate adviser before taking the comprehensive exam, which is comprised of a written and an oral exam. The content of the M.A. exam covers course work and the reading list. All course selections must be approved by the graduate adviser.

Students should also be aware of Graduate School requirements with regard to master's degrees (http://catalog.uark.edu/graduatemcatalog/degreerequirements/#mastersdegreestext).

M.S. in Modern Languages with German Track
Prerequisites to Degree Program: The student must have a B.A. degree or equivalent from an accredited institution with suitable preparation in the chosen foreign language and be accepted by the department. Deficiencies in undergraduate major or prerequisites for advanced courses may be included in the student’s program. The Master of Arts Degree in Modern Languages is offered in two concentrations, German and French.

German Concentration
The Master of Arts Degree in Modern Languages, German Concentration offers course work related to the greater German-speaking world, including Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. The program offers a traditional, canon-centered degree in literary history. Students concentrate primarily on courses investigating literary epochs and particular genres that are focused on literary analysis and research.

Graduates of the program generally continue study at the doctoral level at other institutions or complete alternative licensure or the M.A.T. to teach at the secondary level. Doctoral training in cultural studies and translation is also offered in conjunction with the Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies Program.

Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree Modern Languages, German Concentration: Aside from deficiencies, a minimum of 36 semester hours of course work is required for the degree, six hours of which must be selected from the following courses: WLLC 4023, WLLC 4033, or WLLC 5063. Each candidate must pass a comprehensive examination covering course work and a reading list. Upon admission to this program the candidate will be assigned an adviser who, in consultation with the candidate, will design a suitable program for the candidate. The adviser, in consultation with other members of the department, will select an examination committee for the comprehensive written and oral examinations. Detailed program descriptions, including reading lists and examination procedures, are available from the department.

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