Do you want to turn your love for the French language and Francophone cultures into a rewarding career? Are you interested in exploring the diversity of the world from a variety of perspectives?

Today, an advanced degree in Francophone studies can uniquely prepare you for a career in higher education or the professional world, or give your chosen career a new direction.

For further information on our program and the application procedure, please visit our website: http://www.rcs.msu.edu/graduate/ and contact Valentina Denzel, graduate advisor and Associate Professor of French at vdenzel@msu.edu.

Review of applications starts on January 11, 2021 and continues as needed.
Why Choose Us?

Our program welcomes applications from diverse groups of students. Our graduate students have come from France, different parts of Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean, as well as North America, and their unique backgrounds make for a culturally and intellectually vibrant environment.

The faculty members of our program bring together a wide range of research interests that include French early modern literature, post-revolutionary literature, narrative theories, Francophone postcolonial studies, gender studies, the study of social movements and cultural history, French linguistics, and pedagogy.

Moreover, students can choose between the Interdisciplinary Studies concentration and the Literary and Cultural Studies concentration, depending on their career goals. Lastly, the MSU French program is committed to assuring that all of our students succeed by offering supportive, individualized mentoring by our faculty.

Financial Support

- Teaching Assistantships in the French Program (MA 2 years, Ph.D. 4 years)
- Assistantships for working on Technology projects (1 year)
- Teaching Assistantships at the Center of Integrative Studies in the Arts and Humanities and at the Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities (GSAH)
- Financial Support for presenting at scholarly meetings, submitting book reviews and articles for publication, and in preparing to publish the dissertation.

Professional & Academic Opportunities

- Editorial Experience with Tropos, the graduate student journal indexed in PMLA that attracts scholarly and creative work throughout North America
- Graduate Certification in College Foreign Language Teaching for careers in post-secondary education.
- Lectures and professional meetings on departmental, college, and university level.

Working in France

- Professional experience as an assistant for the summer Undergraduate Program (8 weeks) in Tours, France.
- Teaching Assistant for English at the university Francois Rabelais in Tours (Academic year), France