

**Proposal to Eliminate Academic Program
Pursuant to UW Regulation 6-43
M.A. French**

Statement of the reasons for elimination of the program:

The M.A. has produced ~1 graduate per year for the past twenty-five years. Recruitment for the graduate program is almost exclusively from within (B.A. majors) which does not make for a strong program. The GA's teach their lower level (intro) courses, leaving the faculty in French to teach small upper level classes. Many of these are co-enrolled with undergraduates and graduate students. A weak M.A. degree dilutes the efforts that should be focused on the B.A.

It is recommended that the M.A. in French be discontinued, and that the B.A. be maintained. The Department of Modern and Classical Languages is considering a unified World Languages M.A. focused on secondary teachers in the state.

Description of the program and relevant data:

Describe the mission, curriculum, content and format of the program:

As a department of foreign languages, literatures, and cultural studies, we prepare our students for life and careers in an increasingly global world. The program in French enables students to combine their language training with interdisciplinary study of the regions where their language is spoken.

A Graduate (Master's) Degree in French requires:

- 24 credit hours of courses selected among the 5000-level courses (depending on the offerings)
+ a Plan A M.A. Thesis
- Or 30 credit hours of courses selected among the 5000-level courses (depending on the offerings)
+ 4 Comprehensive Examinations (usually 3 Literature exams and 1 Language Exam) And a Plan B M.A. Paper.

Graduate Program Courses:

FREN 5080. Studies in French Language. 3 FREN
4050. Studies in French Culture. 3 FREN 5120.
Medieval French Literature. 3
FREN 5130. Renaissance French Literature. 3 FREN
5140. 17th Century French Literature. 3 FREN 5160.
Graduate Readings. 1-5 (Max. 6)
FREN 5170. Special Problems. 1-2 (Max. 6). FREN
5250. 19th Century French Literature. 3 FREN 5260.
20th Century French Literature. 3

FREN 5350. Studies in French and Francophone Literatures. 3 FREN
5900. Practicum in College Teaching. 1-3 (Max. 3)
FREN 5920. Continuing Registration; On Campus. 1-2 (Max 16)
FREN 5940. Continuing Registration: Off Campus. 1-2 (Max 16)
FREN 5959. Enrichment Studies. 1-3 (Max. 99)
FREN 5960. Thesis Research. 1-12 (Max. 24)
FREN 5990. Internship. 1-12 (Max. 24)

Describe the role of the program within the context of the college and the mission of the University:

UW's Department of Modern & Classical Languages provides opportunities to learn and see the world through new eyes and gain a wider perspective and appreciation of people from widely diverse cultures. As a department of foreign languages, literatures, and cultural studies, we prepare our students for life and careers in an increasingly global world. Our programs enable students to combine their language training with interdisciplinary study of the regions where their language is spoken through study-abroad opportunities in numerous locales.

Financial data relevant to the academic program

Cost data is for ENTIRE department and is not disaggregated by degree.

Ratio of student credit hours per FTE (AY 2014/15): 742.6

Direct instructional expenditures (FY 2015): \$1,888,419

i) Per student FTE: \$5,456

ii) Per total degrees awarded: \$52,456

iii) Non-personnel expenditures / total academic FTE: \$4,627

Course enrollment (AY 2014/15)

i) Classes falling under university minimums: 18

ii) Lower-division courses falling under university minimums: 7

Research expenditure per tenure-track FTE (FY 2015): \$0

Admission, enrollment and graduation data relevant to the program, including the number of students currently enrolled and the status of their progress toward graduation:

Numbers of graduates over 5-year period: MA Graduates = 6; number of students currently enrolled in program = 2

Graduate Degrees Completed Over 5-Year Period:

2010-2011: 1

2011-2012: 1

2012-2013: 2

2013-2014: 0

2014-2015: 2

Describe the administration of the program:

The French section, both undergraduate and graduate programs, is situated within the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, College of Arts and Sciences, Department Head Dr. Joy Landeira.

Describe the faculty and academic professionals who serve in the French program, including their academic credentials, academic rank and length of service to the University:

Dr. Khama-Bassili Tolo, Ph.D., French (Vanderbilt University)
Rank: Associate Professor
Length of Service: 26 Years (1990)

Dr. Ekaterina Alexandrova, Ph.D., French (University of Pennsylvania)
Rank: Assistant Professor
Length of Service: 4 Years (2012)

Ms. Bénédicte Pia Sohier, M.A., French (University of Indiana, Bloomington)
Rank: Associate Lecturer
Length of Service: 7 Years (2009)

Describe the program facilities, including classrooms and offices, library and equipment used by or dedicated to the program:

Offices: Hoyt Hall 223, 224, 227, 319. However, the French B.A. will be unaffected, so these offices will remain assigned to these faculty.

Classrooms: The classroom used for teaching in the MA program are either centrally managed or department shared in the newly renovated Hoyt Hall.

The Language Lab is shared by all Modern and Classical languages faculty. The Language Laboratory is a vital multi-media resource that can aid students significantly in acquiring your

target language. The Lab has 14 internet-connected computers for beginning language classes. In addition, all computers are equipped with DVD/CD-ROM players as well as webcams so that students may practice their new language by conversing with other students around the world in their native language.

The lab units see their most intensive use in first-year instruction in German, Spanish, French, Japanese and Russian, although students from all levels of language instruction are encouraged to utilize the language lab facilities. Each first-year class allots at least one hour weekly for lab practice. The department employs undergraduate language majors as lab attendants for about 35 open lab hours each week. This allows students to use the facility at their convenience and practice on their own. The facility is also used by foreign students studying English.

Students may use departmental computers for extra practice in language skills. The department continually acquires valuable new software for these purposes.

The library holds collections in all Modern and Classical Languages departmental sections. These would be unaffected, as the B.A. would be unaffected.

Evaluations from accrediting bodies or other reviewers of the quality of the program and its faculty and academic professionals

Not applicable

Comparison of the program with related or similar programs:

The program provides strong service at the undergraduate level to multiple majors across UW.

Describe the anticipated effects of elimination of the program upon the college in which the program is situated, upon other colleges and units of the University, and upon the University as a whole, including:

Effects upon students enrolled in the academic program:

Students currently in the program will be allowed to complete. Since it is a two year program, should this program be eliminated, all students currently in the program should be finished in one year. Up to two years will be permitted.

Effects upon faculty and academic professionals who serve in the program, including termination of any existing positions:

No faculty or APL positions would be terminated. The department is proposing a new World Languages Masters degree that would contain a French component; the undergraduate program

will be retained; and most courses are taught cross-listed 4000/5000 level, so majors would continue to be enrolled in the courses.

Educational and financial effects upon other units of the University:

Minimal. Many undergraduate programs rely upon the French B.A. for coursework; but that program will be retained.

Effects upon faculty, academic professionals, staff, students and alumni of the University:

Minimal. The department is proposing a new World Languages Masters degree that would contain a French component; the undergraduate program will be retained; and most courses are taught cross-listed 4000/5000 level, so majors would continue to be enrolled in the courses.

Effects on the State of Wyoming, including loss of benefits conferred outside the University by the academic program:

The World Languages M.A. and the French undergraduate B.A. will continue to offer a pipeline for foreign language K-12 teaching credentials.

Implementation plan to be followed in the event the academic program is eliminated, including:

Procedures for handling current and future applications for admission:

No additional students will be admitted. Those who apply this year and in the future will be informed that this degree program is shuttered. If and when a new program in World Languages comes into being, students who may have applied to the former program will be contacted in a recruitment effort.

Plans for assisting currently enrolled students to complete the course of study:

Through the advising process, students will be informed that they have up to two years to complete degrees. They will be helped to design programs of study and committees so that all paperwork is complete and a plan is in place.

Plans for accommodating faculty and academic professionals who will be terminated or otherwise affected by elimination of the academic program:

The minimal number of instructional personnel (2-3) will be utilized in the Bachelor's degree program, which is to be retained.