



# Middlebury Language Schools

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## The Betty Ashbury Jones MA '86 School of French French Master of Arts Degree, Requirements and Regulations 2022/23

### Criteria for Admission

- BA (or equivalent).
- Advanced proficiency in French.
- Four or more years of French language study preferred.

### MA Candidacy

After successful completion of the summer of candidacy (three units of credit at the graduate-level), a student is officially recognized as a candidate for the Master of Arts degree.

### Course Requirements

Twelve units of credit, minimum grade in each course is B-.

### Residence Requirements

Following successful completion of the summer of candidacy on the Vermont campus (three units of credit), students complete the remaining nine units of credit during:

- One academic year of study in Paris, or
- One academic year in Paris and a second summer on the campus in Vermont, or
- Three summers on the campus in Vermont, or
- Two summers on the campus in Vermont and one summer in Paris.

### Transfer Credit

After the summer of candidacy, students may [transfer in](#) up to three units of credit to complete the required remaining nine units of credit.

### General Limitations

All credits toward a Middlebury MA (earned at Middlebury or as transfer credits) expire ten years after the study was completed (i.e. courses taken during the summer of 2022 will no longer be valid toward a Middlebury degree as of August 2032.)

### Course Distribution Requirements

#### General Requirements

- FREN 6511, Applied Stylistics I, or FREN 6512, Applied Stylistics II - if required by results of admission language assessment and essay. (Vermont, during summer of candidacy). *Note: Stylistics courses*

*numbered FREN 6509 and FREN 6510, taken prior to 2015, fulfill this requirement.*

- FREN 6514, Applied Phonetics I, or FREN 6515, Applied Phonetics II - if required by results of oral assessment. (Vermont, during summer of candidacy).
- One methodology course, preferably in the area of intended specialization or academic discipline in which students will take courses at the university in Paris. (Vermont, during the summer of candidacy).
- FREN 5611, Advanced Composition and Argumentation - if required by results of admission language assessment and essay, and the recommendations of summer faculty. (Academic year in Paris only).
- Research Methods Workshop (Academic year in Paris only)

### Specializations

Students choose, both in Vermont and in Paris, to pursue one of the following **four academic tracks**, constructing a program that reflects their academic interests and career goals. Each track assumes completion of the general language and methodology requirements, listed above. Electives may complete the required 12 credit units.

- **Generalist:** three units in Language and/or Linguistics and Methodology (may include courses from the General Requirements), three units in Literature and three units in Civilization, Culture and Society.
- **Specialization in Literature:** five units in Literature and two units in Civilization, Culture and Society.
- **Specialization in Civilization, Culture and Society:** five units in Civilization, Culture and Society and two units in Literature.
- **Specialization in Pedagogy and Linguistics:** five units in Pedagogy and/or Linguistics, one unit in Literature and one unit in Civilization, Culture and Society.

### Research

#### **Academic year in Paris**

- All students take a research methods workshop.
- Students in the Generalist, Literature and Civilization tracks are strongly encouraged to write a two-unit research thesis.
- Students in the Pedagogy and Linguistics specialization are required to write a one-unit research paper.

#### **Four-summers**

- With permission of the School of French Director, students may write a one-unit independent research paper during the fourth summer (in Vermont only). Students must request permission during the second summer.