

MA French Studies - SH 513

1. Rationale

The programme combines academic studies with a professional orientation and offers further training in a variety of fields where specialised language competencies and skills are needed. It is expected to enhance the student's career prospects in a wide variety of sectors such as education, media, public relations and related professional sectors.

It is also designed to combine the study of literary texts in their historical, social, philosophical and intellectual contexts with the development of critical and methodological skills. Another of its main objectives is to provide them opportunities to enhance their professional qualifications in such ways that they can better respond to increased competition in the job market.

2. General Entry Requirements

At least a second class undergraduate degree from a recognised university, GPA not lower than 2.50 or alternative qualifications acceptable to the University of Mauritius.

3. Programme Requirements

At least a second class undergraduate degree in French from a recognised university or alternative qualifications acceptable to the University of Mauritius.

Admission will be granted after examination of the candidate's file and interview if necessary.

4. Programme Duration

The programme will be offered on a part-time basis. The duration of the graduate programme should normally not exceed 4 years (8 semesters).

| | Normal | Maximum |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Master's Degree: | 2 years | 4 years |
| Postgraduate Diploma: | 2 years | 4 years |
| Postgraduate Certificate: | 1 year | 2 years |

5. Credits per Semester

As per university regulations.

6. Minimum Credits Required for Award

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|---------------------------|----|
| Master's Degree | 36 |
| Postgraduate Diploma: | 24 |
| Postgraduate Certificate: | 12 |

Breakdown is as follows:

| | Common Modules | Specialisation Modules | Dissertation | Total |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Master's Degree | 9 credits | 15 credits | 12 credits | 36 credits |
| Postgraduate Diploma | A minimum of 6 credits from Common Modules | 15 – 18 credits | - | 24 credits |
| Postgraduate Certificate | A minimum of 6 credits from Common Modules | 3 - 6 credits | - | 12 credits |

7. Assessment

Each module will carry 100 marks and will be assessed as follows (unless otherwise specified):

Written examination will be of 2-3 hours duration. Continuous assessment will count for 30% to 40% of total marks. Continuous assessment will be based on seminars and/or assignments and should include at least one (1) class test.

An overall total of 40% for combined continuous assessment and written examination components would be required to pass the module. The same criterion will apply for modules being assessed jointly.

Written examinations for all modules, whether taught in semester 1 or in semester 2 or both, will be carried at the end of the academic year (unless otherwise stated).

For modules taught in semester 1 and examined at the end of semester 2 of the given academic year, there will be a compulsory class test at the end of semester 1.

Modules having a strong methodological component and marked "M" at the end will be assessed entirely by continuous assessment.

Appropriate attendance records shall be maintained by the academic staff for all types of continuous assessment included in the modules. A monitoring system will be designed by the lecturers in order to keep track of all student assignments (including presentations, projects, portfolios, class tests) for adequate moderation. Records of attendance and assignments shall be submitted by the lecturer to the Administrative Officer of the Examination Section of the Faculty/Centre in the last week of each semester.

8. Dissertation

The dissertation will carry 12 credits. Each student will submit a dissertation proposal (1-2 pages) to the Programme Coordinator at the beginning of the second year. The length of the dissertation should be between 10,000 and 14,000 words long. Students will defend their dissertation after submission.

The number of words applies only to the main body of the dissertation (excluding footnotes, bibliography, tables, diagrams, figures). Hence, material before the main body (table of contents, list of figures, list of tables, etc.) and material after the main body (bibliography and appendices mainly) should not be included in the word count.

Three copies of the dissertation (**two spiral-bound copies** and **one soft copy** in a single PDF text file on electronic storage media) should be submitted to the Faculty/Centre Registry and in addition, a soft copy of the dissertation in a single PDF text file should be uploaded on the "Turnitin' Platform", in the final assignment submission link indicated by the Programme/Project Coordinator.

Dissertation Submission Deadlines

First draft: End of July in the final year.

Final copy: Last working day of August in the final year **by 4.00 pm at latest.**

9. Common and Specialisation Modules

The programme is composed of **three (3) common and compulsory modules** that will all be offered during the first year. Students will be free to choose **any five (5)** of the eight (8) specialisation modules, as and when offered.

10. List of Modules

| Code | Module Name | Hrs/Wk L+P | Credits |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------|---------|
| COMMON MODULES | | | |
| FREN 5136M | Méthodologie et travaux de recherche en linguistique et littérature | 3+0 | 3 |
| FREN 5137 | Analyse du récit | 3+0 | 3 |
| FREN 5138 | Francophonie linguistique, francophonie littéraire | 3+0 | 3 |
| DISSERTATION | | | |
| FREN 5000 | Dissertation | | 12 |
| SPECIALISATION MODULES | | | |
| SECTION A (LANGUAGE STUDIES) | | | |
| FREN 5139 | Linguistique du discours et plurilinguisme | 3+0 | 3 |
| FREN 5140 | Linguistique française et créolistique | 3+0 | 3 |
| FREN 5141 | Acquisition du langage | 3+0 | 3 |
| MALF 5216 | Langue, société et espace | 3+0 | 3 |
| SECTION B (LITERATURE) | | | |
| FREN 5122 | Littératures comparées | 3+0 | 3 |
| FREN 5123 | Roman et société | 3+0 | 3 |
| FREN 5124 | Poétiques mauriciennes | 3+0 | 3 |
| FREN 5125 | Gynocritique et psychanalyse | 3+0 | 3 |

NOTE:

- (a) For the MA award, students must complete ALL common modules, the dissertation and ANY five (5) specialisation modules offered.
- (b) The University of Mauritius reserves the right not to offer some of the modules listed. Offering of modules would be subject to availability of resources and critical mass.
- (c) In Year 1, students will complete two (2) Common Modules and also two (2) Specialisation Modules from each Section (Language Studies and Literature).
In Year 2, students will complete one (1) Common Module and also three (3) Specialisation Modules.