

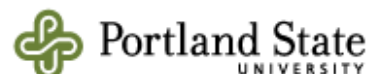
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MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) IN WORLD LANGUAGE

The M.A. in World Language is a graduate degree with a major in French, German, Japanese or Spanish language and literature. It is available with a thesis and a non-thesis option. The thesis option is generally recommended for students who intend to eventually obtain a doctorate. The non-thesis option is often appropriate for those who intend to use their M.A. coursework as direct preparation for secondary-school teaching or another career. Students should consult with their adviser to determine the best option.

Admission to the Program - Applicants for admission must meet the University admissions requirements as well as the following departmental requirements:

- A Bachelor of Arts degree (or its equivalent) in the major language, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in all coursework.
- Oral and written proficiency: Advanced High on the ACTFL scale

Degree Requirements - A candidate for the M.A. in a World Language must complete a minimum of 45 graduate credits, of which 30 must be taken in residence after admission to the degree program. The 45 credits are to be distributed as follows:

Courses	Credits
WLL 560 Principles of Scholarly Research (to be taken in first year of graduate study)	4
551, 552, 553 (Poetry, Drama, Prose, Multi-Genre- any two of the three)	8
551, 552, 553, 554 (take two or more)	
WLL 598 Methods of Teaching Foreign Languages (to be taken in first year of graduate study)	4
503 Thesis (Thesis Option) <i>OR</i> 501 Research, other adviser approved credits (Non-Thesis Option)	6-9
Additional adviser-approved coursework	20-23
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Note: *The student's program may include, with adviser's approval a maximum of 12 credits in 501 (Research) and/or 505 (Reading & Conference) and a maximum of 9 credits in 508 (Workshop) and/or 509 combined. See "Credit Distribution and Limitations for Master's Degree" in the PSU Bulletin.*

In addition to the required coursework, the candidate will have to:

- **Thesis option:** Submit a formal thesis, written in either the major language or in English, and pass an oral examination in accordance with University requirements
- **Non-thesis option:** Submit two research papers in different adviser-approved subject areas, written either in the major language or in English, and pass a final written and oral examination

M.A. candidates are expected to familiarize themselves with all relevant material under "Graduate Studies" in the PSU Bulletin. All requirements for the M.A. must be completed within a period of 7 calendar years.