French 720
Introduction to Graduate Studies in French

This course is an introduction to the skills required of students pursuing graduate degrees in French and Francophone Studies.

Areas Included

1) Introduction to literary theory and criticism
2) Bibliography and research methods, including database management software
3) Preparation and presentation of a research-based conference paper
4) Technology training, including web design, on-line portfolio, and digital humanities
5) Professional ethics and awareness of the academic market and possible careers for people with graduate degrees in the humanities

In this course you will acquire practical and professional skills, such as how to (better) make use of technology, create and modify a CV/resume, write an abstract, and produce a conference paper.

Course requirements will include a variety of smaller assignments and two larger projects, a web-based professional portfolio and an 8- to 10-page conference paper.

Required books