Program: French Studies

Degrees Offered: MA, PhD

Approved Fields: Pre-modern French literature (Medieval to the Revolution)
Modern French literature (Revolution to the present)
Quebecois and Francophone literatures
Literary and cultural theory and the history of ideas
Theoretical and applied linguistics

Date of Site Visit: March 1, 2, 2012

Evaluation: Good Quality

Summary:
The graduate program is French Studies is very strong. The faculty are all highly competent in their respective fields, and the representation of the various sub-disciplines is appropriate to the fields of the program. The curricular requirements are reasonable, and sufficiently supported through course offerings. The quality of the students’ research is high; their publication records strong; and there is good success in finding appropriate employment after graduation. Student support is adequate, and compares favorably with that of other programs in the country, although there are concerns about support for Year-5 PhD students. Library and other resources are adequate to the needs of the program.

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