The French Linguistics graduate program in the Department of French & Italian offers a vibrant environment for the study of French as a native and second language (L2), French as a minority language (Louisiana French), and also minority languages (Picard, Breton, Occitan) in France. Unsurpassed French-specific training in syntax, semantics, morphology and phonology provides a unique foundation in the nature of grammar and in its interactions with other systems of cognition necessary for language analysis. Furthermore, we offer a strong expertise in many critical issues: socio-dialectal variation and historical change, language contact and endangerment, as well as L2 knowledge, production and processing.

**Financial Aid:** We offer first-year fellowships, including the Marvin D. Moody Fellowship, to our top applicants, followed by multi-year appointments as Associate Instructors. These positions consist of a yearly stipend of at least $13,815 plus fee remission & health insurance. Students also have the opportunity to work as editorial assistants with the journal *Studies in Second Language Acquisition*, or as research assistants. Five years of support are generally given to students pursuing the PhD without a previous MA degree in French.

**Opportunities:** Students and faculty interact with peers housed in many departments and benefit from close connections with the Dept. of Linguistics and the Dept. of Second Language Studies. Students become part of a supportive, tight-knit local community of research, but also members of a greater community thanks to the many linguistics classes offered in various departments, lectures that regularly bring renowned scholars to Bloomington, and international conferences (GASLA, NWAV, etc.).

**Placement of Graduates:** Thanks to their solid training in language pedagogy, their well-rounded education in French linguistics, and their research experience, our graduates have an excellent record of obtaining positions at prestigious universities (e.g., University of Connecticut, University of Texas-Austin, University of Toronto), in federal government agencies, in software companies, or in companies that conduct international business.

**The Campus:** IU is a top-tier research institution that offers a true Big Ten experience on one of the five most beautiful campuses in the US. The IUB library system, ranked first in the country, holds over 7.6 million volumes, with access to over 30,000 print and e-journals, over 500 databases, and state-of-the-art technological and computer facilities. Bloomington (population 80,000) provides all the cultural and social benefits of a larger city while retaining the charm and quality of life of a college town.

**Some recent thesis topics**
- Phonology and the Prosodic Hierarchy in Picard
- A Sociolinguistic Study of Vimeu French
- Processing wh-Dependencies in L2 French
- On the Nature of Agreement in English-French Acquisition
- Discourse competence in near-native speakers of French
- The status of French among Maine teenagers
- Code-switching in Miami Haitian Creole
- The decline of interrogative pronominal inversion in the history of French