French Linguistics at Indiana University

Our graduate program 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 in France (Picard, Breton, Occitan). 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. Our award-winning faculty offer strong expertise in many critical issues such as social and dialectal variation, historical change, language contact and endangerment, as well as second language knowledge, production, and processing.

We nurture students’ scholarly development and are proud of an excellent placement record for PhD graduates. Recent thesis topics range from “Processing wh-Dependencies in L2 French” to “Phonology and the Prosodic Hierarchy in Picard.”

Meet Our Faculty!

Julie Auger (PhD Pennsylvania):
Sociolinguistics, variation, morphosyntax, phonology, French & Gallo-Romance languages

Laurent Dekydtspotter (PhD Cornell):
Second-language (L2) acquisition, L2 sentence processing, form-meaning relations

Kevin Rottet (PhD Indiana):
Louisiana French, language contact, pidgins & creoles, endangered languages, lexicography, Welsh & Breton

Kelly Sax (senior lecturer; PhD Indiana):
Language pedagogy, L2 acquisition, sociolinguistics

Albert Valdman (emeritus; PhD Cornell):
Pidgins & creoles, phonology, sociolinguistics, applied linguistics, French outside of France

Barbara Vance (PhD Cornell):
Syntax, history of French, medieval French & Occitan

We offer financial aid in the form of fellowships and Associate Instructor positions, generally in five-year packages for students who successfully complete the MA degree and continue on to the PhD. IU-Bloomington is a great place to study, with a beautiful campus and vibrant scholarly environment. The Department of French and Italian has partnerships with the Lilly Library of rare books and manuscripts, the Medieval Studies Institute, the Renaissance Studies Program, film studies, and other programs to offer students interdisciplinary experiences. Upon completion of the PhD, our graduate students typically obtain excellent placements at universities and colleges worldwide.

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