French 720: Introduction to Graduate Studies in French  
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This course is an introduction to the skills required of students doing graduate degrees in French Studies; areas covered include 1) introduction to literary theory and criticism, 2) bibliography and research methods, including database management software, 3) preparation and presentations of a research/conference paper, 4) technology training, including web design, on-line portfolio, and digital humanities, and 5) professional ethics and awareness of the academic market and alternative careers. We will also be working on practical, professionally useful goals, such as how to (better) make use of technology, how to create a CV and modify it for different positions, how to write an abstract, and how to 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.

This course will be cross-listed with the Departments of German and Slavic.

Required books