Honors Program in French

The Honors Program in French Language and Literature requires 14 courses in all, to be completed with an average GPA of at least 3.7.

The honors program shares the following 10 course requirements with the current major in French:

(1) The following four core courses:
   (a) Two advanced language courses from CAS LF 303, 304, 305, 306
   (b) Two literature courses: CAS LF 350 Introduction to French Poetry and
       CAS LF 351 Introduction to French Prose
(2) Two courses in linguistics (from CAS LX 250, CAS LF 500, 502, 503, 504, 506)
   or comparative literature
(3) Three courses in French literature or film at the 400 or 500-level, including one each
    from (i) Middle Ages or Renaissance, (ii) Classical Period or Enlightenment,
    (iii) Nineteenth or Twentieth Century
(4) CAS LF 475 Senior Seminar

(5) The Honors program would additionally require four electives, including any
    combination of the following:
    (a) At most one additional CAS LF 400-level course
    (b) Additional CAS LF 500-level courses
    (c) Honors research (for no more than two semesters)

Thus honors students will take a total of 14 courses (rather than the 12 required now for the major), including at least three advanced offerings (listed in (5-b,c) that involve a serious research and writing component. The advanced courses at the 500-level are not technically "honors" courses, since they are open to other students as well, but they will tend to concentrate the honors students. Honors students may count courses taken abroad with the approval of their faculty advisor.

Procedure for applying for the honors program: A student may apply to the honors program no sooner than the end of sophomore year and no later than the beginning of the spring semester of junior year. For admission into the program, students must have completed at least three of the four core courses listed in (1). Qualifications for admission into the honors program include a GPA of at least 3.65 in all CAS courses—and a minimum GPA of 3.7 in the set of courses satisfying requirements for the major—that the student has taken as of the time of application.

Plan for co-curricular activities: Meetings of French honors students (and honor students in joint majors including French) will take place at least several times each semester. Activities may include colloquia (for which we would request funding from the college to bring in speakers) as well as presentations, question-and-answer sessions, and panel discussions with BU faculty. In addition, we will maintain an email list of honors students, and we will inform them of other French events (both at BU and in the Boston area) that may be of interest.