Undergraduate Programs

MAJORS:
- French*
- French Education (EC-A, MC-EA)
- French with Business Concentration
- German Studies* (EC-A, MC-EA)
- German Studies Education
- German Studies with Business Concentration
- Spanish*
- Spanish Education (EC-A, MC-EA)
- Spanish with Business Concentration

MINORS:
- Chinese
- French
- French Education (EC-A, MC-EA)
- German Studies
- German Studies Education (EC-A, MC-EA)
- Japanese Studies
- Spanish
- Spanish Education (EC-A, MC-EA)
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)*

*Certiﬁcate certiﬁcation available

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS:
- French Studies
- Russian Studies

ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE COURSES:
- Arabic
- Japanese
- Hmong (for Heritage Speakers)

PLACEMENT TEST
All incoming students must take the placement exam in order to take a language course, regardless of AP or Dual Credit programs taken in high school. The Wisconsin Regional Placement Test will provide faculty a guide for helping students enroll in the course that best suits their proficiency level. Once a student earns a B or better in a foreign language course higher than 101, s/he may receive retroactive credit (up to 12-16!) for the levels preceding the course for which a B was earned.

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Department Overview

The Department of Modern Languages combines the study of language with the exploration of cultural identities through the literature, history, art, and lives of those speaking Chinese, French, German, Spanish, or Russian. In addition, the department offers two courses in Hmong to Heritage speakers and we receive courses in Japanese and Arabic from other UW-campuses. The department provides opportunities to enhance professional development through courses in business language, medical terminology and through majors and minors in education, including the minor in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.

Faculty members in the department take seriously their role as mentors and teachers as they develop curricula and consider the most effective and innovative methodologies for the learning of a second language.

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES MINOR
This minor provides preparation for teaching English as a second language in multiple settings (e.g., teaching abroad and in public schools in the U.S.). (Note: A major in English and English Education is required to teach English to native speakers of English in public schools in the U.S.)

UNDERGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES
Students who study modern languages have a variety of opportunities to immerse themselves in the languages and cultures of their interest. On campus many language sections offer students language clubs or conversation groups to practice speaking and contribute to a community of like-minded learners. French and Spanish students with excellent GPAs can participate in honor societies, and once a year all students are invited to participate in the Festival of Languages event.

The Department of Modern Languages strongly encourages all its majors and minors to study abroad. Each year students who do so not only enrich their background and improve their proficiency in the language, they also return to campus having earned credit toward their majors and some even earn general education credit. Students who study abroad work with both the Department of Modern Languages and International Education and Engagement to choose a program that works best for the student’s interests and goals.

An international internship is an opportunity for those who also have a business major or concentration to gain valuable experience. Courses in Business French, Business German, and Business Spanish are offered in the department.

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**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL STUDIES**

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH**
Faculty in the Department of Modern Languages support undergraduate research and work with students to research, write, and present at regional and national undergraduate conferences, as well as the annual UWL Celebration of Student Research and Creativity. Students have received grants and/or completed research on topics such as: Friendship and les Femmes: French Language Attitudes among High School Students in Rabat (Morocco); The Representation of Algerian Women in the Works of Malika Mokkedem and Tahar Djout; “Bandoneon;” Creating Parallels between Music and Life; “Understanding, Experiencing, and Appreciating Shrimp: A Narrative of the Shrimp Farming Industry of Coastal Ecuador”; Mexican Immigrant Challenges in the United States Public School System: A case study of two schools; “Awareness Through Performance: Finding the Latino Voice.”

**Sample Courses**
- Elementary Language
- Intermediate Language
- Advanced Language
- Literature
- Advanced Conversation
- Advanced Grammar and Syntax
- Phonetics
- Spanish Linguistics
- Spanish for the Health Professions
- Service Learning
- Film
- History and Culture
- Second Language Acquisition
- Methods of Teaching MLG
- Assessment and Testing
- Current Events
- Independent Study

**Occupational Outlook**
The economic expansion of other countries makes travel to the U.S. within the grasp of more Europeans and Asians than ever before. The United States Travel Service, the American Hotel and Motel Association, the Port Authority of New York, Travelodge International and the United States Office of Education are developing programs to place bilingual personnel in key positions with airlines, hotels and police.

The rise in numbers of speakers of other languages living in the United States has increased the need for translators and interpreters in hospitals, clinics, and other medical and governmental facilities.

All students are encouraged to complete a major in addition to their language major. Proficiency in a second language is a useful adjunct to many other careers and a “plus” in the job market.

**Career Opportunities**

**ENTRY LEVEL**
- High School Teacher (with teacher certification)
- Study Abroad Advisor
- International Sales Representative
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- English Teacher Abroad
- Retail Manager
- Marketing Consultant

**FURTHER STUDY**
- Graduate study in foreign languages, political science, international business, linguistics, education
- Law school

**LONG-TERM CAREER DEVELOPMENT**
- Diplomat
- Foreign Service Officer
- Historian
- International Finance Manager
- Lawyer (with law degree)
- Linguist
- Translator
- College Professor
- Journalist

**JOB TITLES OF GRADUATES**
- Accountant
- Hospital Administrator
- Hotel Administrator in South America
- Import-export Dealer
- Sales Representative
- Social Worker
- Teacher of French, German, or Spanish
- Travel Agent
- Career Services Counselor
- Assistant Director of Marketing
- Bilingual Secretary