 Bachelor of Arts

MODERN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

The Department of Modern Language and Literature is a dynamic, multilingual community where students develop their linguistic abilities while gaining exposure to cultural perspectives under the mentorship of dedicated, international faculty.

The department offers coursework in Chinese, French, German, Japanese and Spanish. Italian is available through our Summer Immersion program in Italy. Modern Language students have the opportunity to immerse themselves in language and culture, working closely with faculty who work, publish and travel internationally.

Our students graduate with real-world language proficiency and a cultural knowledge that give them a unique edge in the global economy as they step into their futures. CNN Money recently named foreign language fluency as the most valued job skill.

PROGRAM FEATURES

Summer Immersion Programs  Jan Good Award  Language Honor Societies  Language Clubs

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Learning an additional language is incredibly beneficial both inside and outside the workplace. Studying a second language has transformed me into a more well-rounded, understanding individual. Learning a new language has made me a more responsible citizen and a more creative thinker.

Victoria Lau
BA Asian Language and Literature

The Major

Students in the Department of Modern Language and Literature can choose to major in Asian Language and Studies, French or Spanish. Courses in German are also available. Italian is offered through summer immersion in Italy. The department also offers minors in Chinese Studies, French, Japanese, Spanish and Latin American Studies.

Both our major and minor programs may be taken in conjunction with any other academic major. Most of our students are double majors across diverse disciplines: business, psychology, speech and language pathology, international studies, education and pre-health professions.

The Experience

Professors emphasize practical knowledge and cultural content through film, literature, guest speakers, poetry readings and field trips to plays, museums and more. Many of our students spend a semester abroad or participate in one of the summer language immersion programs in Italy or China.

Students enjoy easy access to professors, who have a vested interest in their success. There are opportunities for students to participate in research alongside faculty.

The university has chapters of two national honor societies for outstanding work in a language, literature and culture: Pi Delta Phi for French and Sigma Delta Pi for Spanish. The Jan Good Award is presented to winners of an annually posted essay contest in French or Spanish.

OUTCOMES

Modern Language and Literature graduates succeed in careers in translation, interpreting, business, international relations, law, education, health professions, technology and finance. Those using a second language in their jobs enjoy an average of 8% higher earnings over their monolingual colleagues.

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FRENCH
Language and literature
French studies

SPANISH
Spanish pedagogy
Hispanic language and literature
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ASIAN LANGUAGE AND STUDIES
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