



EMPOWER YOURSELF

Degrees Offered

We offer four foreign language bachelor of arts (BA) programs:

- Concentrations in French, German or Spanish
- Combination of two languages
- Japanese studies
- Russian studies

Three minors are available:

- Russian studies
- Japanese studies
- Foreign language

Why Choose Foreign Languages?

In a shrinking world, we increasingly need to communicate directly with other peoples in order to achieve mutual understanding. The study of another language and literature will open doors of opportunity. If you enjoy travel, translating, interpreting and discovering foreign cultures, then one of our foreign language BA degrees may be right for you.

Career/Professional Opportunities

Foreign language graduates can pursue career opportunities in international business and finance, interpreting/translating, tourism, diplomacy, teaching languages, intelligence, journalism, language analysis, broadcasting, government, health and social services, linguistics, anthropology, customs, education and immigration.

About Us

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures is dedicated to making local and international connections. Our small classes, dynamic faculty, student clubs, study abroad opportunities and active language lab create a learning community where students feel confident expressing themselves in many languages. We believe that learning a foreign language is the first step toward opening doors to the world, whether through foreign travel and employment, graduate studies, or simply an increased awareness of global challenges and connections.

UAF Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures

Approximately 80 majors, 12 full-time faculty and staff.

Lab includes audio resources, computers, international video equipment, free language tutoring, language resource books and free printing for class-related material.

Active student clubs in Russian, Spanish, Japanese, French and German.

Join us for our annual spring open house, contact us for dates and details.

Program Highlights

- *Study abroad and exchange opportunities: students are encouraged to spend one or both semesters of their junior year participating in an exchange program*
- *Multicultural staff and faculty*
- *Small class sizes*
- *Student employment*
- *Open and friendly social environment*
- *Knowledge of one or more foreign languages will benefit anyone working with the public*
- *Engaging classes*

Classes

- *Introductory, intermediate and advanced language classes*
- *Foreign language teaching practicum*
- *Studies in culture*
- *Studies in literature*

LANGUAGES IN OUR MAJOR

French — The French program reflects not only the culture of France, but the diversity and richness of the greater Francophone world. Join a close-knit community of French speakers and exchange students from around the world who are here to help you.

German — The language of philosophers, artists and innovators is still vital in today's globalized world. The most widely spoken language in Europe, it is also essential for anyone interested in American culture and history, since Germans represent the largest single heritage group in the U.S.

Japanese — The Japanese program at UAF offers beginning through advanced Japanese language courses as well as Japanese literature and culture courses, which are taught in English. A unique aspect of the major is the study abroad requirement, which enables students to develop advanced language skills while gaining firsthand experience of Japanese culture and society.

Russian — Do you like a challenge? Are you interested in the rest of the world? If so, then study Russian! Learn about a nation that has produced world-class figures of culture and science. Russian is a strategic language that opens doors for many exciting intellectual and career opportunities.

Spanish — The Hispanic population of the U.S. will soon reach 50 million, and more and more companies value employees with a knowledge of Spanish. You can use your Spanish to improve your employment potential, enhance your travel experiences, communicate with almost 500 million people worldwide, and experience the rich cultural and artistic expression of the Spanish-speaking world.

OTHER LANGUAGES OFFERED AT UAF

Arabic — Approximately 225 million people speak Arabic worldwide, and Arabic speakers are increasingly in demand in the international sector. Learn about Arabic language and Islamic life and culture worldwide.

Chinese — China is the second largest U.S. trading partner and is emerging as a world economic power. There is an increasing need for us to understand Chinese language and culture in order to foster better cooperation.

Italian — Italian culture has contributed great art, literature, architecture, music, film, fashion and food! Learn about Italy and its heritage through the study of Italian language, culture and geography.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The BA in foreign language options: (1) requires the study of two languages, their literatures and their cultures, or (2) one language — German, Spanish or French — with a study abroad component highly recommended. Second language not required for option (2). The BA in Japanese or Russian studies requires a concentration in the target language and coursework in other departments such as history, geography, political science, anthropology and business. Japanese studies requires a semester in Japan.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Review the admission requirements at www.uaf.edu/admissions/.
2. Click the "apply now" link for directions on the application process or proceed directly to the online application for admission through UAOnline at <http://uaonline.alaska.edu>.
3. Once on UAOnline select "Apply for Admission or Check on Status of Application" and follow the directions on the screen.

The department does not require language proficiency tests for entrance into the degree program. However, if an incoming student wishes to enroll in language courses at a level higher than introductory level, they must have AP credits, transfer credits or produce language proficiency test scores (CLEP or FLAT) sufficient to meet the desired course's prerequisites.