Foreign Languages

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Degree: B.A.
Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 credits

In a shrinking world Americans increasingly need to communicate directly with other peoples to achieve mutual understanding. The language people speak embodies a unique culture and its way of thinking, feeling and viewing the world. Therefore to know only one language is to think in only one way. The study of foreign languages and literatures liberates the student from the confines of one culture.

Foreign language majors are encouraged to spend one or both semesters of their junior year in an exchange program appropriate to their language focus.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

MAJOR
Foreign Language—B.A. Degree
Concentrations: Second Language, Language Studies
1. Complete the general university requirements (page 28).
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements (page 33).
3. Complete 1 of the following concentrations:*

Second Language
a. Complete the first language requirements with 1 language from the following French, German, Russian or Spanish courses:
   201—Intermediate ................................................................. 3-4
   202—Intermediate ................................................................. 3-4
   301—Advanced ........................................................................ 3
   302—Advanced ........................................................................ 3
   431—Studies in the Culture ...................................................... 3
   432—Studies of Literature .......................................................... 3

b. Complete 6 first language credits from the following:**
   431—Studies in the Culture ...................................................... 3
   432—Studies of Literature .......................................................... 3
   488—Individual Study: Senior Project ......................................... 3
   487—Individual Study ............................................................... 3

3. Complete 1 of the following emphasis areas:

   Cultural Studies — German or Spanish
   Complete a minimum of 12 credit hours at the 200, 300, or 400 level through an approved study abroad program for German or Spanish.

   Cultural Studies — French
   Complete a minimum of 12 credits in French approved by advisor or complete one of the following:
   • Complete additional 4 courses through a study abroad program in a Francophone country
   • or complete additional 2 courses through a study abroad program (one semester) and 2 courses on Francophone culture from the following:
   FREN 434W—La Litterature Quebecoise ..................................... 3
   FREN 482W—Selected Topics in French ...................................... 3
   • or complete 2 courses on Francophone culture (from the courses listed above) and 2 courses from the following:
   HIST 101—Western Civilization ................................................. 3
   and HIST 102—Western Civilization ........................................... 6
   HIST 316—Europe since 1945 .................................................... 3
   HIST 354—Canadian history to 1867 ........................................... 3

Teaching in German, Spanish, or French
a. Complete the following:
   FL 451—Foreign Language Teaching Practicum .............................. 4
   LING 101—Nature of Language .................................................. 3
   LING 4100—Theory and Methods of Second Language Teaching ... 3
   400-level elective *** ................................................................. 3

b. Complete 1 course from the following:
   LING/ED 303W,O—Language Acquisition .................................. 3
   LING 340W—Aspects of Bilingualism ......................................... 3
   LING 402—Second Language Acquisition .................................... 3
   LING or ED course approved by advisor ...................................... 3-4

Language Studies
Students completing this concentration are strongly encouraged to spend one or two semesters on a study abroad program.

a. Complete the following from 1 language (French, German or Spanish):
   201—Intermediate .................................................................. 3-4
   202—Intermediate .................................................................. 3-4
   301—Advanced ....................................................................... 3
   302—Advanced ....................................................................... 3
   431—Studies in the Culture ...................................................... 3
   432—Studies of Literature .......................................................... 3

b. Complete 6 credits from the following:**
   431—Studies in the Culture ...................................................... 3
   432—Studies of Literature .......................................................... 3
   482—Selected Topics .................................................................. 3
   488—Individual Study: Senior Project ......................................... 3
   497—Individual Study ............................................................... 3

c. Complete 1 of the following emphasis areas:

   Cultural Studies — German or Spanish
   Complete a minimum of 12 credit hours at the 200, 300, or 400 level through an approved study abroad program for German or Spanish.

   Cultural Studies — French
   Complete a minimum of 12 credits in French approved by advisor or complete one of the following:
   • Complete additional 4 courses through a study abroad program in a Francophone country
   • or complete additional 2 courses through a study abroad program (one semester) and 2 courses on Francophone culture from the following:
   FREN 434W—La Litterature Quebecoise ..................................... 3
   FREN 482W—Selected Topics in French ...................................... 3
   • or complete 2 courses on Francophone culture (from the courses listed above) and 2 courses from the following:
   HIST 101—Western Civilization ................................................. 3
   and HIST 102—Western Civilization ........................................... 6
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Literature/Business

a. Complete a minimum of 12 credits approved by advisor.

4. Minimum credits required .......................................................... 120

* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

** Students may repeat any 400-level language course for credit if the topics vary.

*** 400-level course from another discipline appropriate to the major language may be accepted if approved by your foreign language advisor.

**** The second language does not satisfy the minor requirements.

Note: Choosing a minor: In addition to a first and second language, students should complete a well-defined minor, related to their career goals. When choosing a minor it is highly recommended that students see an advisor as early as possible.

Note: Recommended background courses: LING 101 and LING 216.

Note: 100-level language courses (which are preparatory to, but not part of the foreign language degree) may be counted toward fulfillment of requirements specified under Perspectives on the Human Condition and/or Humanities. Each language counts as a separate discipline.

MINOR

1. Complete the following:
   Foreign language courses at the 100-level or above .......................... 3
   Foreign language courses at the 200-level or above ........................ 12

2. Minimum credits required .......................................................... 15

See Alaska Native Languages.
See Eskimo.
See Native Language Education.