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Foreign Languages

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Degree Offered

Bachelor of Arts

Majors: French, German, Spanish

Nature of Program

Coursework is offered in foreign literatures and cultures, linguistics, and languages, including Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin (Classics), Russian, and Spanish. Literature courses taught in English are designated as Foreign Literature in Translation (FLIT) courses. Other areas of instruction are Language (LANG), dealing with second language acquisition and teaching methodology, Linguistics (LING), and English as a Second Language (ESL). The department houses the WVU Intensive English Program, which offers instruction in English as a second language for students seeking admission into the University, or to improve their command of the language.

The primary goal of the program in foreign languages is to provide students with a solid liberal arts education that is the foundation for personal and professional success and growth over a lifetime. The curriculum is designed to provide students with well-developed cognitive and communication skills and with a broad knowledge base that will enable them to pursue additional studies at the graduate level or to enter the job market in positions that will demand the ability to communicate in more than one language and in a variety of cultural contexts.

Career Goals for Graduates

In today's rapidly increasing global economy, students may use foreign language study to add a valuable international dimension to myriad career opportunities such as teaching, business, economics, government work and foreign service, journalism, law, medicine, and computer, and other scientific research.

Placement Testing

Students who have studied French, German, or Spanish in high school and who wish to continue the study of these languages at WVU must take a computerized placement test before entering the program. Those who complete the course in which they are placed with a B or better will receive back credit for all courses in the 101, 102, 203, and 204 sequence out of which they are placed. Fees for this back credit are waived. The placement test can be taken one time only and must be taken before completing any coursework in the languages at WVU.

Admission Requirements

To major in foreign languages, students must have satisfactorily completed elementary and intermediate course sequences in a given language, with an overall 2.0 GPA.

Graduation Requirements

Students may select from three areas of emphasis (French, German, and Spanish) to complete a bachelor of arts in foreign languages. In each area of emphasis, the major requires 33 hours of coursework beyond the intermediate level (203–204 or the equivalent) in the language of study, including a three-credit capstone experience. The capstone may be taken anytime after completion of 21 hours beyond the intermediate level (204 or the equivalent).

The requirements are:

French: FRCH 301, 302, 303, 304, 331 or 332, 431 or 432, 496 (capstone), LING 311, and nine hours of electives (including no more than six hours at the 200-level and no more than three hours in an area other than French).

German: GER 301, 302, 303, 304, 331 or 332, 341 or 441, 496 (capstone), LING 311, and nine hours of electives (including no more than six hours at the 200-level and no more than three hours in an area other than German).

Spanish: SPAN 301, 302, 303, 304, 330 or 340, 331 or 332 or 341 or 342, 480 or 481 (capstone), LING 311, and nine hours of electives (including no more than six hours at the 200-level and no more than three hours in an area other than Spanish).

The 33 hours for the major may include up to six credit hours in the area of emphasis language at the 200-level, excluding FRCH/GER/SPAN 203–204 (or the equivalent). Students may, with consent of their department advisor, include three credit hours in an outside area of study, either within the Department of Foreign Languages or in another department; e.g., political science, history, geography, foreign literature in translation (FLIT). The outside course may be upper or lower division. No more than nine hours of lower-division coursework will be counted for the major.

Residency Requirements

Students completing a major in foreign languages at WVU must fulfill a residency requirement of 15 credit hours on campus in their language of study, excluding courses numbered 100, 101, 102, 200, 203, 204, 493, and courses obtained through credit by examination.

Grade Point Average

Foreign language majors must achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.25, both overall and in the major, to qualify for graduation. They must also satisfy University General Education Curriculum and Eberly College of Arts and Sciences requirements and earn a total of 128 hours of credit.

Other Coursework/Second Majors/Minors

Students are strongly encouraged to work closely with advisors and faculty in the department to select cognate courses, second majors, and/or minors (such as history, political science, humanities, geography, sociology, and/or business and economics) that will complement their work in foreign languages and lead to meaningful career options. Students wishing to teach should contact the College of Human Resources and Education to inquire about the requirements for teacher certification.

Dual Degree in Business and Foreign Languages

The coordinated dual degrees in business and foreign languages provide global opportunities to students seeking both a bachelor of arts with a major in foreign languages and a bachelor of science in business.

Program Overview

Non-Business and Economics Courses

	Hrs.	Total
English 101	3	
English 102.....	3	
Objective 2: Math and Science		
*Math 124, 126, or 129 with a grade of C or better.....	3–4	
Computer Science 101	4	
Natural Science	3–4	
Natural Science (w/Lab)	4	
Objective 3: The Past & Its Traditions	3	
Objective 4: Contemporary Society	3	
Objective 5: Artistic Expression	3	
Objective 6: The Individual in Society.....	3	
University 101	1	
Objective 7: American Cultural Diversity	3	
Objective 8: Western Culture.....	3	
Objective 9: Non-Western Culture.....	3	

College Math Requirement: Math 150, 155, or 156.....	3–4
Psychology 101 and Sociology 101 are required for the business administration degree and meet specific GEC Objectives.	
Foreign Language 203 and 204 meet specific GEC Objectives.	
Subtotal	45–48

Required Business Core Courses

<i>Sophomore year</i>	
ACCT 201 and 202 Principles	6
ECON 201 and 202 Principles.....	6
ECON 225 <i>Elementary Business and Economics Statistics</i>	3
<i>Junior/Senior year</i>	
BCOR 315 <i>Professional Development</i>	1
BCOR 320 <i>Legal Environment of Business</i>	3
BCOR 330 <i>Information Systems and Technology</i>	3
BCOR 340 <i>Business Finance</i>	3
BCOR 350 <i>Principles of Marketing</i>	3
BCOR 360 <i>Operations Management</i>	3
BCOR 370 <i>Managing Individuals and Teams</i>	3
BCOR 460 <i>Contemporary Business Strategy</i>	3
Subtotal	37

Required Major Core Courses

(Varies by major; see major requirements under College of B&E).....	27–30
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Foreign Language Requirements**

LING 311	3
Foreign Language 301	3
Foreign Language 302	3
Foreign Language 303	3
Foreign Language 304	3
Foreign Language required culture course.....	3
FRCH 431 or FRCH 432	
GER 341 or GER 441	
SPAN 330 or SPAN 340	
Foreign Language required literature course	3
FRCH 331 or FRCH 332	
GER 331 or GER 332	
SPAN 331 or SPAN 332 or	
SPAN 341 or SPAN 342	
Foreign Language electives in the major.....	9
Foreign Language capstone experience (PR: 21 hrs. of coursework in the foreign language major beyond the intermediate level (204 or the equivalent)	3
Subtotal	33
Internship (or substitution course work).....	10–16
Minimum total hours for the degree	158

*Although the College of Business and Economics requires MATH 124 and 150, students are encouraged to substitute MATH 155 and 156 or MATH 129 and 155 for MATH 124 and 150 in preparation for graduate admission examinations.

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Students must achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.25, both overall and in the foreign language major, for graduation.

Programs Abroad

The Department of Foreign Languages regularly offers language courses abroad. Currently, summer courses are offered in Brazil, France, Germany, and Spain. Students participating in a summer program normally register for six credit hours. Contingent upon funding and faculty availability, the department will offer similar programs in the period 2007–2009.

Minor

Students may complete an academic minor in foreign literature and translation (FLIT), French, German, linguistics, Italian studies, Russian, Spanish, and teaching English as a second language (TESL).

Requirements for the minors in French, German, Russian, and Spanish consist of a total of 15 hours of coursework beyond the intermediate level (203–204, or the equivalent) with at least nine hours at the upper-division level. The minor must include two of the following courses in the target language: 301, 302, 303, or 304; and nine additional hours. Students may take up to six hours in the target language at the 200-level (exclusive of courses number 200, 203, and 204). LING 311 may also be used as three of the additional nine hours. Students must achieve a GPA of at least 2.25 in the coursework for the minor and they must complete at least six of the upper-division hours on campus (exclusive of courses numbered 493 or courses obtained through credit by examination).

The minor in foreign literature in translation requires a selection of 15 hours of FLIT classes, nine of which must be on the upper-division level. At least two different national literatures must be represented in the selection.

The minor in linguistics requires LING 311, 411, 412, 511, and 514.

The minor in teaching English as a second language (TESL) requires LING 311, LANG 322, LANG 421, LING 511, and one of the following: LING 512, 514 or LANG 422.

The minor in Italian studies requires 15 credit hours beyond ITAL 204 (prerequisite for the minor). The minor must include ITAL 303 and 304, and three other courses chosen from the following: ART 105, 106, 245, 246, 248, 249; CLAS 231, 232; HIST 201, 204, 205, 330, 331, 400, 480, 481; ITAL 293, 493, 496; occasional special topics courses in various fields (upon approval of coordinator). Of the 15 hours, at least nine must be upper-division level. No more than two of the following may be counted toward the minor: ART 105, 246; HIST 201, 205, 480, 481.

Endorsement in English as a Second Language (ESL)

The ESL endorsement is an 18-credit program for students who already possess or will be working towards teaching certification. The ESL endorsement requires LANG 322, LANG 421, LANG 422, LING 511, LING 514, and LANG 491.

Additional Points of Information

- Foreign language courses are divided into elementary, intermediate, and advanced levels. The elementary level, courses 101 and 102, provide beginning work in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing the languages, with emphasis on communicative competence. The vocabulary is limited to words of high frequency.

Intermediate level, courses 203 and 204, continues training in the four basic skills, with greater emphasis on reading. The vocabulary is greatly extended, especially the passive or recognition vocabulary. In courses 301, 302, 303, and 304, the four basic skills are further developed. All classroom questions and discussions are in the foreign language. The work is based on reading assignments followed by classroom discussions, oral drills, and written exercises.

- Courses numbered 100 are intensive and equal to courses 101 and 102. Students may receive credit for either course 101 and 102 or 100 but not for both. Courses numbered 200 are the intensive equivalent of courses 203 and 204. Students may receive credit for courses 203 and 204 or 200 but not both.
- Students who present two or more units of high school credit in a foreign language may satisfy the foreign language requirement of the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences by taking courses 203 and 204, or other approved courses on the same or higher level, in that language.

- The Department of Foreign Languages offers a credit by examination program for elementary and intermediate classes in French, German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish only. Information about the program is available in the Department of Foreign Languages.

Forensic and Investigative Science

Suzanne Bell, Director
Keith Morris, Assistant Director

Degree Offered

Bachelor of Science

Nature of Program

The Forensic and Investigative Science (FIS) program comprises three areas of emphasis (forensic examiner, DNA-biology, and chemistry/toxicology.) Each provides a strong background in the physical and biological sciences associated with forensic science. The program is fully accredited by the Forensic Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC).

Because of the unique nature of the program and forensic science employment, strict policies and procedures apply related to issues that could affect a student's ability to obtain a background check. These policies are available from the program office and faculty.

Admission Requirements

Students interested in the FIS program will be admitted as pre-program majors as freshmen and sophomores. Outstanding freshman may be admitted as direct admits if they meet the requirements for admissions to the Honors College. Strong high school preparation in biology, chemistry, physics, algebra, trigonometry, and pre-calculus is recommended. Computer literacy is essential. Students who wish to enter the program must apply for admission and must have completed or be enrolled in courses listed below under the pre-program requirements. Because of the individualized instruction in classrooms, laboratory courses, and internships, enrollment is limited. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 in the pre-program requirements and no less than a C in any required course. Other requirements include a letter of recommendation focusing on personal integrity and character and an extensive written assignment. In accordance with the unique nature of the program, a statement related to a drug-free lifestyle is required. Following the submission of all appropriate data, the Forensic Identification Admissions Committee will interview qualified students. Admission to the limited number of places in the three FIS areas of emphasis will be on a competitive basis. Prior to applying for acceptance into the major (typically done at the end of the sophomore year), transfer students must have completed or be in the process of completing a one-year residency at the WVU Morgantown campus. Students must have completed or be enrolled in FIDP 201 *Introduction to Forensic Science*. Additional information and criteria for selection are available from the program areas.

Degree Requirements

The first two years of study are virtually identical to that taken by biology, chemistry, and other majors allowing for easy transition to one of these majors should the student elect not to pursue a degree in forensic science. The final two years are composed of specific courses related to the chosen area of emphasis as well as courses taken by all FIS students. Courses taken by all students include *Court Testimony* (FIDP 406), *Evidence and Law* (FIDP 404), *Introduction to Microscopy* (CHEM 310), *Laboratory Quality Assurance* (FIDP 480), *Technical Writing for Forensic Science* (FIDP 305) or *Technical and Scientific Writing* (ENGL 305), *Forensic Journal Club* (FIDP 408), and the *Forensic Capstone* (FIDP 410) course. A four-year plan of study for each area of emphasis is available from the academic advisor.