



Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures & Cultures

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Mission Statement

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The Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures & Cultures

- Is a central site on campus for the implementation of James Madison University's (JMU's) internationalization efforts
- Embodies cultural diversity
- Offers students and the community a broad range of educational courses and programs that help develop
 - foreign language competence
 - a global perspective
 - an understanding of foreign cultures both ancient and modern

Mission Statement

The Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures & Cultures

- Ensures that all graduates with a B.A. have sufficient knowledge of and fluency in a modern foreign language to
 - prepare them for professional language-related careers
 - teach understanding and appreciation of foreign cultures
 - provide opportunities for language and cultural study abroad
- It helps to fulfill the language requirement of International Business and International Affairs



Mission Statement



The Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures & Cultures

- Plays an important role in the university interdisciplinary minors, including
 - Asian Studies
 - Classical Studies
 - Latin American, Latinx and Caribbean Studies
 - Medieval and Renaissance Studies
 - Middle Eastern Communities and Migrations
 - Modern European Studies
 - Russian Studies



Academic Offerings

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We offer courses in 13 languages

Arabic (4 yrs /major/ minor)

Korean (2 yrs)

Chinese (3 yrs/minor)

Latin (2 yrs)

French (4 yrs / major / minor)

Portuguese (2 yrs)**

German (4 yrs / major / minor)

Russian (3 yrs / minor)

Greek (Ancient) (2 yrs)*

Spanish (4 yrs / major / minor)

Italian (4 yrs / major / minor)

Japanese (2 yrs)

*Courses through Randolph College

**Courses through George Mason University

Academic Offerings



We offer four years of instruction in

- Arabic
- French
- German
- Italian
- Spanish

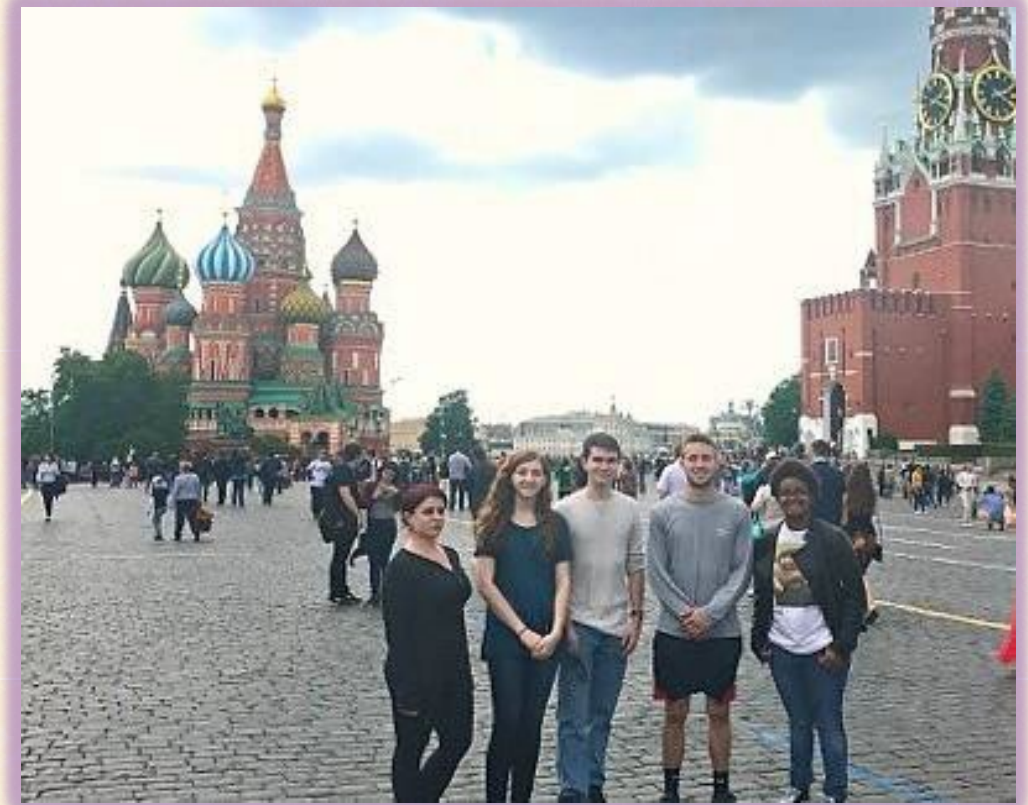
From these five languages, you can complete a **major** with 33 credits and a **minor** with 18 credits

Academic Offerings

You can take courses in 5 other languages up to the second semester of the intermediate level (232)

You can also take Chinese and Russian up to the 3rd year level/minor.

Many of the foreign language instructors in the FLLC Department are native speakers: at least 77%



Academic Offerings

We encourage students to get creative with their degrees

For example

- Double major in History and Italian
- Major in Philosophy and Religion with a minor in French
- Major in Health Science and double major in Spanish and German

If you only major in a language, you need to take a second language up to the intermediate level (232) unless you double major or minor in Education



Academic Offerings



So, you may be asking yourself, “Can my son or daughter complete this in four years?”

YES!

How?

- Good planning with advisors
- Taking advantage of our summer course offerings and studies abroad programs



Placement

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- Are there any required courses for majors and minors?

Yes. Before starting a major, there are four preliminary language levels to cover

Elementary I & II

Intermediate I & II

- Can students place out of these classes?

Yes. Students can fully or partially place out of the preliminary levels with the

FLPE, SAT II, or AP (See handout for more details about placement)



Special Programs

Special Programs

Pre-K-12 grade Teaching Licensure available in French, German and Spanish in 4 years.

Bachelor's Degree in the Foreign Language with concentration in Education.

Degree requires 41 general education credits, 36 foreign language credits and 36 credits hours of classes toward licensure, 15 of which are field experience plus semester-long study abroad.

Special Programs



Our professional minors provide foreign language courses in focused fields:

- Business French
- Business German
- Business Italian
- Business Spanish
- Legal Spanish
- Medical Spanish
- Translation/Interpretation (Spanish)

Special Programs

Spanish Major 11 courses, 33 credits

SPAN 300. Grammar and Communication

SPAN 307. Spanish Civilization

SPAN 308. Latin American Civilization

SPAN 320. Oral and Written Communication

SPAN 335. Introduction to Spanish Literature

Three SPAN literature courses

Three other 300- or 400-level SPAN courses

Business Spanish Minor 6 courses, 18 credits

Required Courses:

SPAN 300. Grammar and Communication

SPAN 330. Business Spanish

SPAN 430. Advanced Business Spanish

One Translation /Interpretation course:

SPAN 435. Translation Strategies

SPAN 436. Introduction to Interpretation

One Regional Business Spanish Course:

SPAN 485. Business and Society in Latin America

SPAN 486. Business and Society in Spain

One elective Spanish course:

SPAN 307. Spanish Civilization

SPAN 308. Latin American Civilization

SPAN 311. Contrastive Linguistics

SPAN 320. Oral and Written

Communication

SPAN 321. Oral and Written Communication
(for Heritage Speakers)

SPAN 407. Aspects of Spanish Civilization

SPAN 447. Special Topics in Spanish
Civilization and Culture



Special Programs

Medical Spanish Minor 6 courses, 18 credits

Required Courses:

SPAN 300 Grammar and Communication
SPAN 365 Medical Spanish
SPAN 475 Advanced Medical Spanish
SPAN 476 Culture and Medicine
in Latin America

Choose one:

SPAN 435. Translation Strategies
SPAN 436. Introduction to Interpretation
SPAN 494. Practical Medical Spanish

Choose one:

SPAN 307. Spanish Civilization
SPAN 308. Latin American Civilization
SPAN 320. Oral and Written Communication
SPAN 321. Oral and Written Communication
(for Heritage Speakers)
SPAN 407. Aspects of Spanish Civilization
SPAN 447. Special Topics in Spanish
Civilization and Culture

Legal Spanish Minor 6 courses, 18 credits

SPAN 300 Grammar and Communication
SPAN 360 Spanish for Public Safety
SPAN 370 Legal Spanish
SPAN 435 Translation Strategies
SPAN 436 Introduction to Interpretation
(SPAN 435 or SPAN 436, but not both)
SPAN 470 Advanced Legal Spanish
SPAN 495 Practical Spanish for
Public Safety/Legal Spanish



Spanish-English Translation and Interpretation Minor 6 courses, 18 credits

SPAN 300 Grammar and Communication
SPAN 435 Translation Strategies
SPAN 436 Introduction to Interpretation

Choose one:

SPAN 307. Spanish Civilization
SPAN 308. Latin American Civilization
SPAN 320. Oral and Written Communication
SPAN 321. Oral and Written Communication (for Heritage Speakers)
SPAN 407. Aspects of Spanish Civilization
SPAN 447. Special Topics in Spanish Civilization and Culture
SPAN 485. Business and Society in Latin America
SPAN 486. Business and Society in Spain

Choose one:

SPAN 310. Introduction to Spanish Linguistics
SPAN 311. Contrastive Linguistics
SPAN 315. Spanish Phonetics
SPAN 404. Spanish in the United States
SPAN 448. Special Topics in Spanish Linguistics

Choose one:

SPAN 494. Practical Medical Spanish
SPAN 495. Practical Spanish for Public Safety/Legal Spanish
SPAN 496. Translation/Interpreting Internship

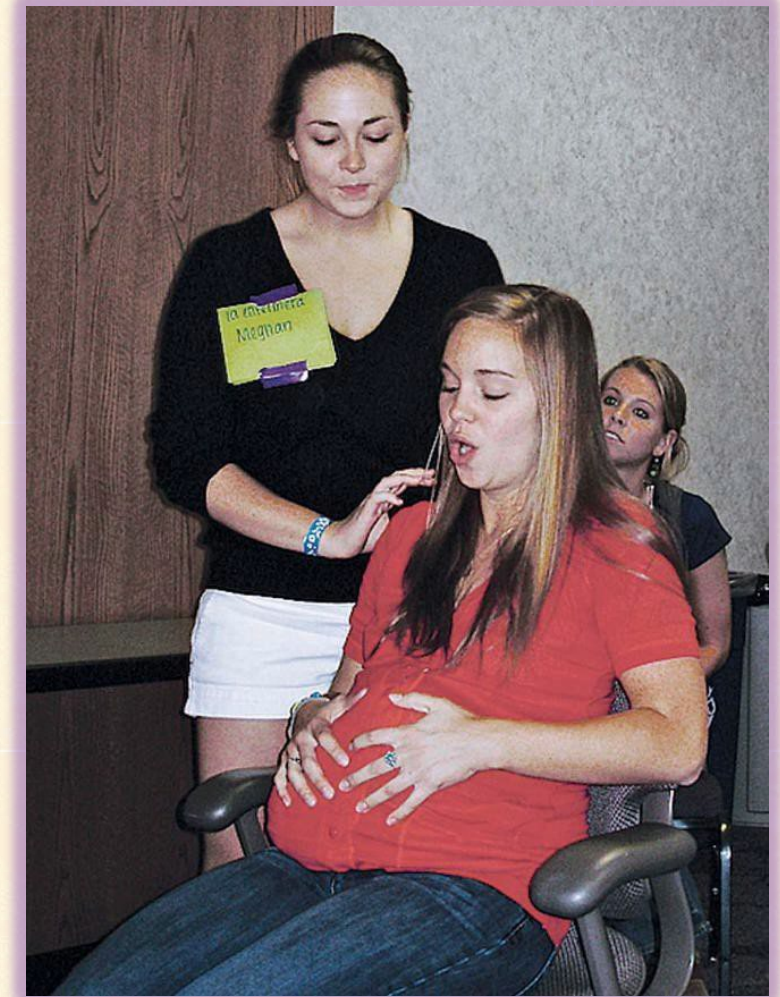
Special Programs

If you are interested in completing a Professional Spanish minor, a practicum is required.

Harrisonburg is home to a large Hispanic population.

Students conduct their practicum projects

- In the free clinic of a local hospital
- In the local police station
- In a legal office



Special Programs





Language Resource Center

Language Resource Center

The Language Resource Center includes two labs dedicated to promoting the study of foreign languages.

One 15-computer lab with projector for classes and movie showings

One 12-computer lab with a study lounge for individual or small group work.



Language Resource Center

The Language Resource Center houses a collection of materials to support foreign language study.

- Textbooks, Audio, and Other Supporting Materials for courses
- A Collection Dictionaries and Grammar Reference Books
- Over 1500 Foreign Language Films and Learning Videos
- Foreign Language Board and Card Games



Clubs and Organizations

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- Le Cercle Francophone
- German Club
- Delta PhiAlpha
(German Honor Society)
- Italian Club
- Russian Club
- Spanish Club
- Sigma Delta Pi
(Spanish Honor Society)



Clubs and Organizations

Several clubs and organizations meet weekly at “language roundtables”

For example, Italian Club members and Italian students meet on campus once a week to speak Italian with each other for one hour

These activities build conversational skills and enhance students’ foreign language coursework





Career Outlook

What about careers?

Career Outlook

- Airport Customer Service Agent
- Border Patrol Agent
- Broadcaster
- Community Services Director
- Consultant
- Court Interpreter
- Cultural Affairs Director
- Customs Agent
- Editorial Assistant
- Entertainment Coordinator
- ESL Teacher
- Export Purchasing Agent
- Flight Attendant
- Foreign Film Dubber
- Foreign Language Educator
- Foreign News Correspondent
- Foreign Service Officer
- Foreign Student Advisor
- Human Resource Assistant

Career Outlook

- Immigration Officer
- Import/Export Specialist
- Intelligence Officer – FBI / CIA / NSA
- International Communications Specialist
- International Conference Planner
- Interpreter/Technical Translator
- Journalist
- Linguist
- Lobbyist
- Museum Assistant
- Peace Corps Worker
- Public Relations Specialist
- Research Assistant
- Social Worker
- Special Events Coordinator
- Studies Abroad Coordinator
- Technical Writer
- Tour/Travel Guide
- Tourism Director
- Travel Agent

Career Outlook

Who has
hired
our
graduates?



Career Outlook

- Airports / Airlines
- Colleges / Universities
- Convention Centers
- Courts, Cruise Lines
- Customs Services – Gov
- Department of State – Gov
- Film Companies
- Financial Institutions
- Foreign News Agencies
- Immigration and Naturalization Service – Gov
- Import / Export Companies
- Intelligences Agencies – Gov
- International Services Organizations
- Museums
- Overseas Aid Agencies
- Public / Private Schools
- Public Relations Firms
- Publishers
- Radio Stations
- Religious Service Organizations
- Resorts
- Tour and Excursion Companies
- Tourism Agencies
- Travel Agencies
- TV Networks
- “Voice of America”

Career Outlook

Please visit the Career and Academic Planning website to get more information about career outlook for JMU Foreign Language majors:

Career Guide for JMU Foreign Language Majors

<https://www.jmu.edu/cap/careerguide/fl.shtml>



Study Abroad

Study Abroad

- What can you tell me about the study abroad program at JMU?
 - We work alongside the Center for Global Engagement (CGE) to provide
 - Spring, summer, or fall semester programs
 - Short-term programs
 - We offer programs during the spring, summer, and fall semesters:
 - Salamanca, Spain
 - Florence, Italy



Study Abroad

Please visit the
Center for Global
Engagement online

<https://www.jmu.edu/global/>





Resources

Study Abroad

- For more information please visit us online:
 - JMU Catalog (2021-2022) <http://www.jmu.edu/catalog/>
 - Department Website <http://www.jmu.edu/forlang/>
 - Career and Academic Planning: Foreign Languages <https://www.jmu.edu/cap/careerguide/fl.shtml>

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Questions?

This PowerPoint will be on the Foreign Languages,
Literatures, and Cultures Department website for 2
weeks:

<http://www.jmu.edu/forlang/>