



# MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

## B.A. IN FRENCH, FRANCOPHONE STUDIES, GERMAN, JAPANESE STUDIES OR SPANISH TEACHER LICENSURE IN FRENCH OR SPANISH

In addition to coursework leading to the B.A. degrees listed above, the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures offers minors in these fields and in Chinese, Judaic Studies, Italian and Russian. Students participate in the key components of a liberal arts education by learning additional languages and studying cultures. Students become informed citizens of a diverse world and individuals who are prepared to thrive in a wide variety of linguistic and global contexts. The department encourages study abroad to reinforce and strengthen language skills and acquire new cultural perspectives and appreciation.

Department faculty are researchers who produce knowledge in a range of areas including language, literature, culture and film. They work with other departments and interdisciplinary programs at Case as well as the cultural institutions of University Circle to provide students with a broad understanding of the many doors that language and cultural study open for them.

### DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- The department maintains strong ties with the College of Arts and Sciences' interdisciplinary programs in Asian studies, French studies, German studies, international studies, women's studies and world literature.
- Located in Guilford House, the Language Resource Center (LRC) is open for students to study languages using the most recent educational technologies. The virtual lab allows students to access these technologies from any computer, anywhere. Classes are sometimes held in the LRC.
- Department language clubs are very active. Students participate in "immersion weekends" at Squire Valleeview Farm, a rural setting not far from campus. These events give students the opportunity to speak a foreign language for an entire day or weekend. Polyglot Follies, an annual event, presents a fairy tale in several

languages, with student actors. Soccer Fest, in April, pits student language teams against each other in a fun alternative to studying indoors.

- Students participate in the Montreal spring break experience, spending a week speaking French and working with French-speaking community organizations. A Spanish conversation course pairs students with Hispanic elementary school students in the Cleveland area and a Russian conversation course pairs students with Russian immigrants in the area. The department is committed to these service learning programs and anticipates developing more ties to the local and global communities.
- In addition to the B.A. degrees, the department offers an M.A. in French and also prepares students for graduate study in a range of disciplines, especially, but not limited to, the humanities.

### UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE OFFERINGS

For the major in French, Francophone studies, German, Japanese studies or Spanish, students are expected to acquire the ability to understand, speak, read and write the language(s) of their choice, and develop a sound understanding of their cultures and literatures. The major consists of 30–32 hours of coursework and varies based on the student's background in the language.

The first two elementary courses in any language are listed as 101 and 102. Intermediate courses are listed as 201 and 202.

Students can begin the major with language courses at the 100-level, or they can place into second- (200) or third- (300) year levels by taking department-administered placement tests.

Required courses for majors who place in the 200-level are 201 and 202 plus eight courses at the 300-level. Two of these latter may be related courses. For students who place in the 300-level, required courses are ten 300-level courses taught in the language. Two of these latter may be related courses.

Several of the courses offered by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures are cross-listed with other related departments. In addition to the basic language courses that emphasize speaking, reading, writing and comprehension, the department offers courses such as:

JAPN 225	Japanese Popular Culture
ENGL 368C	Topics in Film
ASIA 235	Asian Cinema and Drama
FRCH 375	Francophone Literature
GRMN 326	Witches, Wedding and Wolves
RUSN 319	Life in Modern Russia
SPAN 343	The New Drama in Latin America

Please see the General Bulletin ([www.case.edu/bulletin](http://www.case.edu/bulletin)) for a complete list of courses offered by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures and detailed course descriptions.

## MINOR DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Minors are offered in Chinese, French, Francophone studies, German, Judaic studies, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Spanish. Minors generally consist of at least 15 credits; please see the General Bulletin ([www.case.edu/bulletin](http://www.case.edu/bulletin)) for the specific requirements for each minor.

## SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### Departmental honors

The honors program is for especially talented and dedicated majors. Requirements are a minimum GPA of 3.5 in the major and an honors thesis (six hours of French, German, Japanese or Spanish 397 or 398 beyond the 30-32 hours required for the major) devoted to the investigation of a literary, linguistic or cultural topic. The thesis must be approved by two readers and will be accepted for honors if it achieves a grade of B or better.

### Integrated Graduate Studies

The department participates in the IGS program, which enables a student to complete both a B.A. and an M.A. in French in five years. The IGS program allows for very close interaction between research faculty and students. The department highly recommends this program to qualified students who are interested in seeking admission to highly competitive professional schools or Ph.D. programs.

The M.A. in French offers an exciting concentration in the modern period (1789-present). Faculty specialists in 19th- and 20th-century French and Francophone studies offer interdisciplinary courses on the cultures and literatures of France, Africa and the Middle East. Students may also take related course work in areas such as philosophy and history.

An M.A. in world literature is also available. This program is offered jointly through the English and Modern Languages and Literatures Departments (and, in particular, French). Students may take a range of courses on literatures of the world, as well as translation theory, literary and critical theory and film studies.

### Teacher licensure option

Students participating in this program complete a 45–47 credit hour major in French or Spanish including coursework in language, culture, and literature; and a 35-hour sequence in professional

education. Students are strongly urged to complete some of their coursework in a French- or Spanish-speaking country and are assisted in identifying opportunities for study abroad. The professional education component of the program begins with a sequence taken on the Case campus, followed by 23 hours at John Carroll University, culminating in the student teaching requirement.

### FRCH 208: The Montreal Experience

Students who have completed (or are currently taking) FRCH 201 can register for the 1-credit Spring Break excursion to Montreal. In Montreal, students stay in dormitories and work each day at a Francophone service site. The site might be a community center, a homeless shelter, a hospital or a school. Cultural visits to museums, monuments, and historic sites are also arranged and guided by the instructor.

### FRCH 308: The Paris Experience

This is a three-week immersion learning experience in Paris. Students study immigrant populations in Paris and read texts by, and visit, writers and artists. They take advantage of the numerous cultural institutions of the city and surrounding countryside.

## GRMN 208/308: The Munich Experience

This semester-long seminar class, conducted in German, culminates with a three-week immersion learning experience in Munich. Students reside with German families, study German daily in a formal setting and practice comprehension, speaking, reading and writing. Students make regular visits to museums, galleries and cultural events; observe first-hand the history, life and architecture of a major cultural center; and make day trips to events in the German countryside.

### Junior Year Abroad

Students are also encouraged to seek out opportunities to study abroad for a semester or for their junior year.

### Research

Upper-level courses in the department are small and allow for close interaction between professors and students, thus students generally learn about their professors' research activities in these courses.

## RECENT GRADUATES

A recent survey of post graduation plans among graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences found that 55 percent went on to graduate or professional school and the remainder pursued other plans.

The department typically graduates 25–30 students per year. Students graduating with a B.A. from the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures pursue a variety of goals. They continue to graduate or professional schools, join the Peace Corps or non-profit organizations, work for foundations and other granting agencies, and pursue careers in international business or diplomacy.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### General Bulletin

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