

## Why Study World Languages?

The study of world languages and cultures is central to the mission of The University of Memphis and prepares you for life in a diverse and global society. For many students taking courses in our department is an opportunity to pursue a passion for language, an interest in other cultures, a connection with one's roots, or the acquisition of a skill that will make one more marketable in terms of job prospects in the future. An understanding of other cultures is extremely important in fields such as education, tourism, international trade, health care, nonprofit administration, and foreign service.

## Which languages can I study at the UofM?

We offer a variety of languages at the basic and advanced levels, including six that can be a major concentration, eight that can be part of a 2-3 language concentration, and others for which we offer the basic (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year) courses.

	Basic Language	Minor	Single Concentration	2-3 Language Conc.
Arabic	X			
Chinese	X	X	X	X
French	X	X	X	X
German	X	X	X	X
Italian	X	X	X	X
Japanese	X	X	X	X
Korean	X			
Latin	X	X*		
Russian	X	X		X
Spanish	X	X	X	X

\* Classical Studies minor available.

## What other opportunities can you enjoy in the department?

- Semester, full-year and summer abroad programs for academic credit
- Eligibility for the Mary Pettus Scholarship for language majors
- Student ambassador program volunteer opportunity for qualified majors
- Language Media Center (computer lab with printing service)
- Weekly language conversation tables and cultural clubs
- A variety of cultural activities (lectures, films, honor societies)
- Volunteer opportunities at the annual language fair competition
- Accelerated BA/MA program allowing students to begin graduate studies early
- Tutoring support outside the classroom at no cost to the student

## The World Languages Major

A full description of the requirements for graduation at the university can be found in the Undergraduate Catalog, but here are the upper-division (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year level) requirements for the language major itself:

1. Single-language concentration: One of Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, or Spanish: 24 upper-division hours. SPAN 4410 and 4510 are required for a single-language concentration in Spanish.
2. Two-language concentration chosen from Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish: 27 upper division hours with a minimum of 9 semester hours in each language.
3. A three-language concentration chosen from Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish: 33 upper division hours to include at least 12 hours in each of two languages plus approved course work in a third language.

## Minoring in a World Language

World Languages are the most popular minor at the University of Memphis, and getting a minor can be a very easy process for many students, especially for those who already have a background in the language of their choice.

A minor is available in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, or Spanish. Students must complete 18 semester hours: 1020, 2010, and 2020 (or their equivalents) in a given language, plus 9 upper division semester hours in the same language. There is also a minor in Classical Studies, which combines coursework in Classics, Latin, and other subject areas.

# WORLD LANGUAGE CREDIT GUIDELINES

## PLACEMENT EXAM

Students with a background in French, German, or Spanish should take the placement exam to determine in what course they should enroll. The exams are administered in the department on a walk-in basis or online. Email [wll@memphis.edu](mailto:wll@memphis.edu) to find out how to sign up to take the test. The exam is computer-based and multiple-choice, and results are provided immediately. Students with a background in a language we offer but not listed above should contact the appropriate section head.

## RETROACTIVE CREDIT

If a student places into 2010, 2020, or the 3000 level, and subsequently takes the appropriate course and passes with a grade of C or better, the student may email [wll@memphis.edu](mailto:wll@memphis.edu) and request the paperwork to apply for retroactive credit. The cost is \$60 per course.

- If the course taken is 1020, then the student can apply for 1010.
- If the course taken is 2010, then the student can apply for 1010 and/or 1020.
- If the course taken is 2020, then the student can apply for any or all of 1010, 1020, 2010.
- If the course taken is upper-division, the student can apply for up to 12 hours (1010-2020).

## LANGUAGE CREDIT FOR SECONDARY-LEVEL STUDY IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE

Students who have completed the equivalent of high school at a school where a language other than English was the primary language of instruction, may receive up to 12 credit hours in that language. Students email [wll@memphis.edu](mailto:wll@memphis.edu) to initiate the process. Students must have completed, with a grade of C or better, ENGL 1010 and 1020 before applying for this credit.

## CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

The department does not normally offer credit by examination. In certain cases, students may complete the credit by examination process, with prior departmental approval. Students initiate the process at [www.memphis.edu/registrar/register/credit-by-exam.php](http://www.memphis.edu/registrar/register/credit-by-exam.php). For French, German, and Spanish, see **CLEP** below. Additionally, the department is a testing center for the Brigham Young University FLATS and NYU language proficiency exams for languages not taught in the department.

## DUAL ENROLLMENT

The University of Memphis accepts credit for dual enrollment courses taken in high school (both those offered through the U of M and those taken at other colleges).

## CLEP (COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM)

The University of Memphis awards credit for the CLEP exam in French, German, and Spanish. Information can be found at: [www.memphis.edu/testing/services/clep.php](http://www.memphis.edu/testing/services/clep.php).

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

The University of Memphis awards credit for scores of 3 or better on the AP exam. The table indicating what credit is awarded can be found at: [www.memphis.edu/admissions/pdfs/ap\\_table.pdf](http://www.memphis.edu/admissions/pdfs/ap_table.pdf).

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)

The University of Memphis awards credit for scores obtained through the International Baccalaureate program. The IB credit table can be found at: [www.memphis.edu/admissions/pdfs/ib\\_table.pdf](http://www.memphis.edu/admissions/pdfs/ib_table.pdf).

## WORLD LANGUAGE COURSES

<b>Chinese</b>	Conversation and Composition, Readings in Chinese Culture, Modern Chinese Fiction, Advanced Chinese, Business Chinese, Introduction to Chinese Linguistics, Chinese Idioms and Legends
<b>Classics and Latin</b>	Mythology, Medical Terminology, Greek Literature in Translation, Roman Literature in Translation, Studies in Classics, Latin Prose, Latin Poetry
<b>French</b>	Conversation and Composition, French Civilization, France and the Francophone World, French for Commerce, Advanced French Grammar, French Literature and Civilization to 1789, French Literature and Civilization 1780-present, French Translation, Francophone Literature, Contemporary France/Francophone World
<b>German</b>	Conversation and Composition, German Translation, German Studies, Advanced Grammar, Contemporary German Economy, Society, and Culture, German for Professional Communication, Voices of Change in German Culture, German Plays and Theater
<b>Italian</b>	Conversation and Composition, Intro to Italian Literature, Business Italian, Dante
<b>Japanese</b>	Conversation and Composition, Intro to Japanese Literature, Readings in Japanese Culture, Japanese Writing System, Advanced Japanese, Japanese Linguistics, Japanese for Professional Purposes, Multimedia Translation
<b>Language &amp; Literature</b>	Dante, Italian Cinema, Japanese Culture and Society (these courses and other special topics are offered in English under the LALI prefix)
<b>Spanish</b>	Conversation and Composition I and II, Conversation and Culture, Introduction to Hispanic Studies, Spanish Phonetics, Spanish of Heritage Speakers, Introduction to Translation and Interpretation, Introduction to Spanish for the Professions, Spanish Literature and Civilization, Spanish American Literature and Civilization, Contemporary Spanish American Fiction, Hispanic Literature Genres, Hispanic Cinema, Spanish for Business I and II, Spanish for Health Care, Healthcare Interpreting and Translating, Legal Interpretation, Spanish in the USA

## Contact the Department of World Languages and Literatures

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