DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Bachelor of Arts

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The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures (DMLL) offers curricula in French and Francophone Studies, German Area Studies, Italian Studies, and Spanish leading to a bachelor of arts degree; minors in French, German, Italian, Spanish, Linguistics, and Translation Studies; and courses in Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, and Latin. The DMLL serves the interests of students in their desire to communicate with and understand other peoples through the study of language, literature, culture, and civilization, and seeks to develop students’ knowledge of the structure, use, and history of the languages. The department supports cross-cultural exploration and interdisciplinary study, and facilitates and encourages study abroad. DMLL students often study abroad during their time at Ithaca College, through both affiliated and non-affiliated programs. They also pursue their individual scholarly interests abroad with awards from organizations such as the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, the Fulbright Program, and the National Organization of Italian American Women.

The department prepares students for teaching language in middle and secondary schools, for graduate or professional school, and for the workplace. After graduation, DMLL students have participated in a wide variety of teaching programs, both abroad (including the Teaching Assistantship Program in France, the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program, and the Spanish Embassy Language and Culture Assistantships program), and in the U.S. (through Teach for America and City Year). Recent graduates who combined language study with coursework in other fields have entered professions such as law, medicine, business, government, social work, journalism, advertising, and banking.

Requirements for Honors in French, German, Italian, and Spanish

Students may apply as candidates for honors in French, German, Italian, or Spanish at the end of the junior year but no later than the second week of the first semester of the senior year. To qualify, students must have a cumulative average of 3.50 in their major language and propose a topic to the chair and the language committee. Upon approval of the proposal, the student will write an honors paper as a 3-credit independent study project, under the supervision of an assigned adviser, and subsequently undertake the defense of the honors paper at an oral examination conducted by three members of the department. If the project is judged by the honors committee to earn at least the grade of B, the student is awarded departmental honors.

Departmental Policies on Placement Examinations

1. Students with no previous training in a foreign language may begin by taking a 10100 course.

2. Students who have studied a foreign language in high school are required to take the appropriate placement test and register for courses as per placement by DMLL.

3. Transfer students who have earned college credit in a foreign language may register for a course at the appropriate level indicated by their college transcripts.

To be formally accepted into a language major, students must demonstrate proficiency at the intermediate level in the chosen language. Proficiency can be demonstrated by language placement test scores or by completing the intermediate I and II (20100, 20200) courses.

A student may major in more than one language if his or her curriculum permits.

Study Abroad

General academic regulations concerning occasional credit from external sources apply to study abroad. In addition, DMLL allows a maximum of 12 major credits and 6 minor credits for a semester, or 15 major credits and 9 minor credits comparable to courses taught within the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures for an academic year of study abroad.

Certificate Program in International Business

In conjunction with the School of Business, DMLL offers a certificate in international business. See the section under the School of Business for details.

Independent Study Guidelines

Independent studies in the department are intended primarily for students majoring or minoring in a language, and who must complete a graduation requirement when no suitable course is available in the semester schedule, or for students who have applied to pursue honors in the department.

Policy on Prerequisites

A grade of C- or better is required for a 10100, 10200, 20100, and 20200 course in any language to fulfill a prerequisite for another course in the same language.

 Majors

French Major — B.A. with Teaching Option (https://catalog.ithaca.edu/undergrad/schools/school-humanities-sciences/department-modern-languages-literatures/french-major-ba-teaching-option)

German Major — B.A. with Teaching Option (https://catalog.ithaca.edu/undergrad/schools/school-humanities-sciences/department-modern-languages-literatures/german-major-ba-teaching-option)


Minors


Subjects in this department include: Languages (LNGS) (p. 2), Arabic (ARAB) (p. 3), Chinese (CHIN) (p. 3), French (FREN) (p. 3), German (GERM) (p. 5), Hebrew (HEBR) (p. 6), Italian (ITAL) (p. 6), Latin (LATN) (p. 8), and Spanish (SPAN) (p. 8)

Languages (LNGS)

LNGS 11100 Cross-Cultural Journeys through Cinema (LA)
Team-taught lecture course that examines cinematic representations of changing notions of cultural, national, and individual identity. Topics will include the impact of war and fascism on national identity; changing notions of the family structure and gender roles; generational conflict and cultural identity, class, race, and religion. Students will investigate these topics both within and across various national cultures. (S,Y) Attributes: CA, DV, G, HM, LAEL, TIDE 3 Credits

LNGS 15000 English for Speakers of Other Languages (LA)
Improvement of non-native speakers’ comprehension and production of English. Emphasis on oral communication as well as reading comprehension and writing ability. Pass/Fail only. Prerequisites: Permission of instructor. (F-S, Y) Attributes: HU 3 Credits

LNGS 19402 Introduction to the Art of Translation (LA)
Introduction to the world of translation from a theoretical and practical perspective. Texts will include translators’ prefaces and notes, subtitling, and literary translations, focusing on issues of translatability, fidelity, purpose and ethics. This course is intended for students with basic reading proficiency in a language other than English. Students cannot receive credit for both LNGS 19402 and LNGS 25000. Prerequisites: WRTG 10600, ICSM 10800, or ICSM 11800. (IRR) Attributes: GER/M, HM, HU, TII, TWOS, WI 3 Credits

LNGS 23200 Introduction to Linguistics (LA)
An introduction to the fundamental areas and concepts of modern linguistics. Study of sounds and sound patterns, word and sentence structure, and language change. Other topics may include semantics, language acquisition, dialects, and pidgin and creole languages. Prerequisites: One course in the humanities or social sciences. Open to all students. Students may not earn credit for both LNGS 23200 and LNGS 23300. 3 Credits. (F-S,Y) Attributes: 3A, GERM, HM, SS, TIDE, TWOS 3 Credits

LNGS 24200 Language and the Mind (LA)
Building on introductory linguistic concepts, this course looks at how language works in the mind: sounds, words, sentences, meaning, and language acquisition. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing. (F,Y) Attributes: HM, TII, TWOS 3 Credits

LNGS 24300 Language and the World (LA)
Building on introductory linguistic concepts, this course looks at how language works in the world: language variation, language change, computer-mediated communication, and systems of writing. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing. (S,Y) Attributes: HM, TII, TWOS 3 Credits

LNGS 25000 Translation: The Art of Disguise (LA)
Examines the role of translation within the broader context of comparative literature. Drawing from representative texts spanning across centuries, students will discuss concepts of interpretation, faithfulness, loss and gain, negotiation, colonization, cannibalization and ethics. Explores the figure of the translator, both in theoretical and literary works, and approaches the field of translation from the perspective of practicing translators and translated authors. Basic reading proficiency in a language other than English is necessary. Cross-listed with ENGL 25000; students may not receive credit for both LNGS 25000 and ENGL 25000. Prerequisites: WRTG 10600 or ICSM 108xx or ICSM 118xx and Sophomore standing. Students cannot receive credit for both LNGS 19402 and LNGS 25000. (IRR) Attributes: 1, 3A, G, GERM, HM, HU, TII, TWOS, WI 3 Credits

LNGS 34000-34009 Selected Topics in Linguistics (LA)
Investigation of selected topics in the field of linguistics. Prerequisite: LNGS 23200 with a grade of C- or better. (IRR) 3 Credits
LNGS 49800 Senior Project in Translation (LA)
Individual research, analysis and translation of a literary or non-literary text (or selection of texts), supervised by a faculty mentor in the MLL department. Culmination of the Translation Minor, and restricted to Translation minors. Course can be repeated once for up to six credits if completed in different languages. Prerequisites: Senior standing; LNGS 19402 or LNGS 25000; LNGS 23200; FREN 35500, GERM 35500, ITAL 35500 or SPAN 35500; permission of instructor. (IRR)
Attributes: GERM
3 Credits

**Arabic (ARAB)**

ARAB 10100 Elementary Arabic I (LA)
Introductory course designed to develop spoken and written skills in Arabic and to further understanding of Arab and Islamic cultures. Students will learn the Arabic alphabet and sound, grammatical constructions, and vocabulary. Modern Standard Arabic will be emphasized. Prerequisites: Open to students with no previous knowledge of Arabic or by placement. (F,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, HM, HU, TIDE
4 Credits

ARAB 10200 Elementary Arabic II (LA)
Continuation of ARAB 10100. Limited to students who have successfully completed ARAB 10100 with a grade of C- or better, or by placement. Prerequisites: ARAB 10100, or equivalent. (S,Y).
Attributes: 3A, G, HM, HU, TIDE
4 Credits

ARAB 20100 Intermediate Arabic I (LA)
Further development of speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Students will read selections written in both classical and standard Arabic and practice Levantine Arabic, a colloquial Arabic dialect. Grammar and stylistic rules will be emphasized. Prerequisites: ARAB 10200 with a grade of C- or better, or permission of instructor.
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

ARAB 20200 Intermediate Arabic II (LA)
Continuation of ARAB 20100. Emphasis will be given to oral and written proficiency. Prerequisite: ARAB 20100 with a grade of C- or better, or with instructor permission. (S, Y)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

ARAB 29900 Independent Study: Arabic (LA)
Individual research, study, and/or writing on particular topics related to the Arabic language and the cultures of Arabic-speaking lands, supervised by a member of the department. May be repeated for a total of six credits. Offered on demand only. Prerequisites: permission of instructor and chairperson. (IRR)
Attributes: HU
1-3 Credits

**Chinese (CHIN)**

CHIN 10100 Elementary Chinese I (LA)
Introductory course designed to develop spoken and written skills in Mandarin Chinese. Students will be introduced to pinyin (sounds tones), vocabulary, characters (simplified version), and grammatical constructions. Participation, self-expression, and cultural awareness will be emphasized. Open to students with no previous Chinese, or by placement examination. (F,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, HM, HU, TIDE
4 Credits

CHIN 10200 Elementary Chinese II (LA)
Continuation of CHIN 10100. Limited to students who have successfully completed CHIN 10100 with a grade of C- or better, or by permission of instructor. Prerequisite: CHIN 10100, or equivalent, with a grade of C- or better. (S,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, HM, HU, TIDE
4 Credits

CHIN 20100 Intermediate Chinese I (LA)
This course will further develop speaking, listening, reading and writing proficiency. Special emphasis will be given to conversational and writing skills. Chinese culture, history and society will be discussed through selected readings. Prerequisite: CHIN 10200, or equivalent, with a grade of C- or better, or with instructor permission. (F,Y)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

CHIN 20200 Intermediate Chinese II (LA)
Continuation of CHIN 20100. Emphasis will be given to oral and written proficiency. Prerequisite: CHIN 20100 with a grade of C- or better, or with instructor permission. (S,Y)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

**French (FREN)**

FREN 10100 Elementary French I (LA)
Beginning course. Practice in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing simple idiomatic French in the context of French and francophone cultures. Emphasizes participation and self-expression. Open to students with no previous French, or by placement examination. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits

FREN 10200 Elementary French II (LA)
Continuation of FREN 10100. Limited to students who have successfully completed FREN 10100 with a grade of C- or better, or by placement examination. Prerequisites: FREN 10100, or equivalent. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits

FREN 20100 Intermediate French I (LA)
Develops intermediate-level proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing French. Special emphasis is given to French culture. Prerequisites: FREN 10200 with a grade of C- or better. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: G, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits
FREN 20200 Intermediate French II (LA)
Continuation of FREN 20100. Develops intermediate-level proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing French. Special emphasis is given to French culture. Prerequisites: FREN 20100 with a grade of C- or better. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: G, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits

FREN 20300 French Intermediate Conversation (LA)
A conversation course for students at or above the intermediate level who want to maximize their conversational skills. May be repeated for a total of two credits. Prerequisites: FREN 10200. (IRR)
Attributes: HU
1 Credit

FREN 29900 Independent Study: French (LA)
Individual research, study, and/or writing on particular topics, supervised by a member of the department. Offered on demand only. Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and chairperson. (IRR)
Attributes: UND
1-3 Credits

FREN 30100 Conversational French and Written Communication (LA)
Conversation-based course dedicated to developing spoken and written communication skills at the third-year level. Reading and discussion of contemporary material; regular practice of writing, including editing and correction of text. Prerequisites: FREN 20200 with a grade of C- or better, or language placement test. (IRR)
Attributes: 3A, CCCS, G, HU
3 Credits

FREN 31200 French Literature in Translation (LA)
Study of the principal works of major French writers. Readings and all class activities are in English. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or one course in FREN. (IRR)
Attributes: 3A, G, HU
3 Credits

FREN 31300 Introduction to French Literature (LA)
A study of representative texts in French literature in all genres. Prerequisites: FREN 30100 (may be taken concurrently). (IRR)
Attributes: 3A, G, HU
3 Credits

FREN 32200 Advanced French Grammar Through Creative Writing (LA)
Advanced study of French grammar, with an emphasis placed on creative writing, including register, genres, and style. Prerequisites: FREN 20200 or by placement exam. (IRR)
Attributes: CCCS
3 Credits

FREN 32300 French Phonetics (LA)
Intensive practical phonetics for American speakers of French. Emphasis is placed on correct pronunciation, orthography, and understanding of contemporary dialects. Prerequisites: FREN 30100. (IRR)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

FREN 34300 The Evolution of French Civilization (LA)
Study of how concrete elements of French civilization, key figures, government, society, ideas, literature, and the arts evolved from prehistoric times to the 20th century. Taught in French. Prerequisites: FREN 30100. (IRR)
Attributes: G, H, INBG
3 Credits

FREN 34400 Contemporary French Culture (LA)
Exploring modern France and francophone countries from a total culture point of view: geography, politics, and economy, as well as literature, sciences, music, cinema, gastronomy, and the arts. Taught in French. Prerequisites: FREN 30100 or equivalent with permission of instructor. (FE)
Attributes: G, H
3 Credits

FREN 34500 Francophone Literature (LA)
An introduction to the literature of French expression originating outside France. Discussions will focus on colonization, post-colonization, religion (Christianity, Islam, Judaism, animism), gender, and ethnicity. Prerequisites: FREN 30100 or equivalent. (IRR)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

FREN 34700 Francophone Literature (LA)
An exploration of the culture of Medieval, Renaissance, and Early Modern France, through the lens of literature. Key themes include courtly literature and feudal society; Renaissance, the humanities and the invention of modern grammar; religious struggle and the emergence of centralization of power; and, absolute monarchy and classic theatre. Most selections will be read in modern French. Prerequisites: At least one FREN course at the 300 level, except for FREN 31200; or placement exam. (IRR)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

FREN 45100 Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century French Literature (LA)
Study of representative works. Prerequisites: FREN 30100 or equivalent with permission of instructor. (IRR)
Attributes: HU, WGS, WGS3
3 Credits
GERM 25000 History of German Film (LA)
A study of the principal films of major German directors. This class will cover the complete history of German film, from early silent cinema to contemporary films. Emphasis is given to the historical and cultural context of each film, as well as the film’s relationship to questions of German identity. Readings include historical as well as theoretical texts. Conducted in English. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing. (IRR)
Attributes: 3B, G, HU
3 Credits

GERM 25200 German Literature in Translation (LA)
Study of principal works of major writers and representative works of various periods. Prerequisites: Permission of instructor. (IRR)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

GERM 25200 Twentieth-Century German Intellectual Thought (LA)
A study of the principal currents of 20th-century German intellectual thought, with particular emphasis on the relationship of the individual to society and on Marxist theories of art and popular culture. Readings include Freud, Heidegger, Benjamin, Adorno, and Habermas. Conducted in English. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing. (IRR)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

GERM 25200 German Cultural History (LA)
Study of the civilization and culture of Germany and other German-speaking countries. Usually taught in English. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing; permission of instructor. (S,E)
Attributes: G, HU, INBG
3 Credits

GERM 27500 Independent Study: German (LA)
Individual research, study, and/or writing on particular topics, supervised by a member of the department. Offered on demand only. Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and chairperson. (IRR)
Attributes: UND
1-3 Credits

GERM 27500 Independent Study: French (LA)
Individual research, study, and/or writing on particular topics supervised by a member of the department. Offered on demand only. Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and chairperson. (IRR)
Attributes: UND
1-3 Credits

German (GERM)

GERM 10100 Elementary German I (LA)
Beginning course. Practice in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing simple idiomatic German with special attention to German culture. Emphasizes participation and self-expression. Open to students with no previous German, or by placement examination. (F,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits

GERM 10200 Elementary German II (LA)
Continuation of GERM 10100. Limited to students who have successfully completed GERM 10100 with a grade of C- or better, or by placement examination. Prerequisites: GERM 10100, or equivalent. (S,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits

GERM 15100 Elementary German for Reading Knowledge (LA)
Emphasis is placed on rapid development of reading skills; principles of German grammar and their application to reading comprehension; extensive reading in German culture and literature. (IRR)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

GERM 20100 Intermediate German I (LA)
Develops intermediate-level proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing German. Special emphasis is given to German culture. Prerequisites: GERM 10200 with a grade of C- or better. (F,Y)
Attributes: G, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits

GERM 20200 Intermediate German II (LA)
Continuation of GERM 20100. Develops intermediate-level proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing German. Special emphasis is given to German culture. Prerequisites: GERM 20100 with a grade of C- or better. (S,Y)
Attributes: G, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits

GERM 25000 History of German Film (LA)
A study of the principal films of major German directors. This class will cover the complete history of German film, from early silent cinema to contemporary films. Emphasis is given to the historical and cultural context of each film, as well as the film’s relationship to questions of German identity. Readings include historical as well as theoretical texts. Conducted in English. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing. (IRR)
Attributes: 3B, G, HU
3 Credits

GERM 27500 German Cultural History (LA)
Study of the civilization and culture of Germany and other German-speaking countries. Usually taught in English. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing; permission of instructor. (S,E)
Attributes: G, HU, INBG
3 Credits

GERM 27500 Twentieth-Century German Intellectual Thought (LA)
A study of the principal currents of 20th-century German intellectual thought, with particular emphasis on the relationship of the individual to society and on Marxist theories of art and popular culture. Readings include Freud, Heidegger, Benjamin, Adorno, and Habermas. Conducted in English. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing. (IRR)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

GERM 27500 German Cultural History (LA)
Study of the civilization and culture of Germany and other German-speaking countries. Usually taught in English. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing; permission of instructor. (S,E)
Attributes: G, HU, INBG
3 Credits

GERM 27500 Independent Study: German (LA)
Individual research, study, and/or writing on particular topics, supervised by a member of the department. Offered on demand only. Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and chairperson. (IRR)
Attributes: UND
1-3 Credits

GERM 27500 Independent Study: French (LA)
Individual research, study, and/or writing on particular topics supervised by a member of the department. Offered on demand only. Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and chairperson. (IRR)
Attributes: UND
1-3 Credits

GERM 31200 Advanced German Grammar and Composition (LA)
Advanced study of German grammar, with an emphasis placed on composition. Prerequisites: GERM 20200 with a grade of C- or better (or equivalent with permission of instructor). (IRR)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

GERM 31800 Contemporary German Culture Through Film (LA)
Explores German culture and society through contemporary cinema. Students will also gain more practice in skill areas of reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension of German language. Prerequisite: GERM 20200 with a grade of C- or higher. (IRR)
Attributes: HU, INBG
3 Credits

GERM 32300 German Oral Practice (LA)
Extensive oral practice using selected topics as a basis for conversation, discussion, and presentations or short talks. Prerequisites: GERM 20200 with a grade of C- or better. (IRR)
Attributes: 3A, G, HU
3 Credits

GERM 34100 German Cultural History (LA)
Study of the civilization and culture of Germany and other German-speaking countries. Usually taught in English. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing; permission of instructor. (S,E)
Attributes: G, HU, INBG
3 Credits
GERM 35500 German Translation in Practice (LA)
Practical introduction to the world of translation and its relationship to culture and ethics through the analysis and translation of literary and non-literary texts (articles, brochures, documents) from German into English. Prerequisite: One 30000-level German course or permission of instructor. (IRR)
3 Credits

GERM 36500 Masterworks in German (LA)
Study of selected literary works of significant writers of the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Taught in German. Prerequisites: One level-3 German course taught in German, or equivalent. (F,O)
Attributes: 3A, G, HU
3 Credits

GERM 38100-38200 German Conversation and Culture (LA)
Concentration on the use of language in oral communication. Readings and discussion to focus on areas of German civilization and culture with attention to art, literature, music, geography, history, social structures, and folk and popular culture. Taught in German. May be repeated when topics vary. Prerequisites: Two German courses at level 3. (S,E)
Attributes: CCCS, G, HU, INBG
3 Credits

GERM 39300 Selected Topics in German Literature (LA)
Study of a genre, time period, group of authors, or single major writer. Taught in German. May be repeated two times each, for a total of twelve credits, when topics vary. Prerequisites: Two German courses at level 3. (S,E)
Attributes: 3A, G, HU
3 Credits

GERM 39400 Selected Topics: German Literature (LA)
Study of a genre, time period, group of authors, or single major writer. Taught in German. May be repeated two times each, for a total of twelve credits, when topics vary. Prerequisites: Two German courses at level 3. (S,E)
Attributes: 3A, G, HU
3 Credits

GERM 39900 Independent Study: German (LA)
Individual research, study, and/or writing on particular topics, supervised by a member of the department. Offered on demand only. Prerequisites: GERM 30100, GERM 39300, or GERM 39400; permission of instructor and chairperson. (IRR)
Attributes: UND
1-3 Credits

Hebrew (HEBR)

HEBR 10100 Elementary Hebrew I (LA)
Beginning course. Practice in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing simple idiomatic Hebrew. Emphasis is placed on culture, participation, and self-expression. Open to students with no previous Hebrew, or by placement examination. (F,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits

HEBR 10200 Elementary Hebrew II (LA)
A continuation of HEBR 10100. Limited to students who have completed HEBR 10100 with a grade of C- or better, or equivalent. Prerequisites: HEBR 10100 or equivalent. (S,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, HM, HU, JWST, TIDE
3 Credits

HEBR 20100 Intermediate Hebrew I (LA)
Develops intermediate-level proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing Hebrew. Special emphasis is given to Hebrew culture. Prerequisites: HEBR 10200 with a grade of C- or better. (F,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, HU
3 Credits

HEBR 20200 Intermediate Hebrew II (LA)
Continuation of HEBR 20100. Develops intermediate-level proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing Hebrew. Special emphasis is given to Hebrew culture. Prerequisites: HEBR 20100 with a grade of C- or better. (S,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, HU
3 Credits

HEBR 29900-39900 Independent Study: Hebrew (LA)
Individual research, study, and/or writing on particular topics, supervised by a member of the department. Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and chairperson. (IRR)
Attributes: UND
1-3 Credits

Italian (ITAL)

ITAL 10100 Elementary Italian I (LA)
Beginning course. Practice in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing simple idiomatic Italian, with special attention to Italian culture. Emphasizes participation and self-expression. Open to students with no previous Italian, or by placement examination. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits

ITAL 10200 Elementary Italian II (LA)
Continuation of ITAL 10100. Limited to students who have successfully completed ITAL 10100 with a grade of C- or better, or by placement examination. Prerequisites: ITAL 10100 or equivalent. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits
ITAL 20100 Intermediate Italian I (LA)
Develops intermediate-level proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing Italian. Special emphasis is given to Italian culture. Prerequisites: ITAL 10200 with a grade of C- or better. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits

ITAL 20200 Intermediate Italian II (LA)
Continuation of ITAL 20100. Develops intermediate-level proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing Italian. Special emphasis is given to Italian culture. Prerequisites: ITAL 20100 with a grade of C- or better. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits

ITAL 20500 Italy: Language and Culture (LA)
A three-week study abroad course that emphasizes learning Italian language skills, with an overview of the history and culture of Italy. The course will be based in Siena, Italy, with brief visits to other cities, including Florence, Venice, and Rome. The course includes a conversationally based Italian class and on-site sessions devoted to learning about the culture and civilization of Italy. Students will incur additional costs. Prerequisites: ITAL 10100 or the equivalent; application through the Office of International Programs. (Sum,IRR)
Attributes: G, HU, INBG
3 Credits

ITAL 25000 The Love that Moves the Sun and Stars: Dante’s Divine Comedy in Translation (LA)
Students read and discuss, in English translation, Dante Alighieri’s masterwork The Divine Comedy, an encyclopedic poem composed of three parts: Inferno, Purgatorio, and Paradiso. The course considers the text on the literal and allegorical levels, as Dante intended, with a focus on love as the key concept that forms the core of the universe. It also explores the text’s sources and influences, including works in the visual arts that The Divine Comedy has inspired over the centuries. The course is taught in English with bi-lingual texts available for students of Italian. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing. (IRR)
3 Credits

ITAL 27000 Inferno to Infinity: Italian Literature in Translation (LA)
An overview of Italian literature from the Middle Ages through modernity, through a study of principal works of major authors and representative works of various periods. Readings and all class activities are in English. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or one ITAL course. (IRR)
Attributes: G, H, HM, HU, TIDE, TII
3 Credits

ITAL 29900 Independent Study: Italian (LA)
Individual research, study, and/or writing on particular topics, supervised by a member of the department. Offered on demand only. Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and chairperson. (IRR)
Attributes: UND
1-3 Credits

ITAL 32300 Parliamo! Italian Conversation (LA)
Extensive oral practice using selected topics as a basis for conversation, discussion, and presentation of short talks. Prerequisites: ITAL 20200 with a grade of C- or better, or equivalent. (IRR)
Attributes: 3A, CCCS, G, HU
3 Credits

ITAL 32400 Conversazione e Cultura (LA)
Extensive oral practice with a focus on Italian culture for conversation, discussion, and presentation of short talks. Prerequisites: ITAL 20200 with a grade of C- or better, or equivalent. (IRR)
Attributes: 3A, CCCS, G, HU
3 Credits

ITAL 32800 Practice in Reading and Writing in Italian (LA)
Develops spoken and written communication skills at the third-year level. Reading and discussion of contemporary material. Writing practice with an emphasis placed on developing grammar skills. Laboratory exercises. Prerequisites: ITAL 20200 with a grade of C- or better. (IRR)
Attributes: 3A, G, HU
3 Credits

ITAL 33000 The Italian Americans (LA)
This course examines the experience and assimilation of Italian immigrants to the United States. It will explore general themes: the conditions in southern Italy that compelled Italians to emigrate; the role of the family; the effects of prejudice; Italian-American women; portrayals of popular culture; the future of Italian-Americans. Taught in English. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing. (IRR)
Attributes: DV, G, H, HU, SS
3 Credits

ITAL 34000 Italian Contemporary Culture (LA)
This course introduces students to Italian contemporary art, popular music, literature, cinema, social and regional differences, politics, traditional festivities, mass media, and regional cuisine. Students will practice speaking, reading, comprehension, and writing by discussing and analyzing selected materials and Italian newspapers. The course will be conducted in Italian. Prerequisites: ITAL 32300, ITAL 32400, or ITAL 32800. (IRR)
Attributes: G, HU, INBG
3 Credits

ITAL 35000 Italian Culture through Cinema (LA)
This course is intended to introduce students to the language, culture, history, and changing social issues depicted by Italian cinema of the past four decades. Special attention will be paid to the integration of films with close reading, discussion, and analysis of literary and cinematic texts that address such issues as national identity, immigration and emigration, the rise and fall of Fascism, the new republic, the north/south question, and contemporary regional cultural differences. The course, moreover, affords extensive practice in speaking, reading, comprehension, and writing in Italian. Prerequisites: ITAL 20200. (IRR)
Attributes: HU, INBG
3 Credits

ITAL 35500 Italian Translation in Practice (LA)
Practical introduction to the world of translation and its relationship to culture and ethics through the analysis and translation of literary and non-literary texts (articles, brochures, documents) from Italian to English. Prerequisites: one 300 level Italian course or permission of instructor. (IRR)
Attributes: HU, INBG
3 Credits

ITAL 36000 Everybody on Stage: The Magic of Italian Theater (LA)
Provides a hands-on introduction to the liveliest genre of Italian literature, improving oral and writing skills through a close reading and dramatic delivery of selected texts by masters such as Carlo Goldoni, Luigi Pirandello, and Dario Fo. Prerequisite: ITAL 20200 with a grade of C- or higher. (IRR)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits
ITAL 36500 Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Italian Literature (LA)
A study of selected literary works by key authors from the late 19th through the 20th centuries. Readings may include novels, plays, and short stories by writers such as Verga, Pirandello, and Calvino. Taught in Italian. Prerequisites: One level-3 Italian course taught in Italian, or equivalent. (IRR)
Attributes: 3A, G, HU
3 Credits

ITAL 37000 Love, Lust, and the Black Death: Boccaccio’s Decameron (LA)
A study of Giovanni Boccaccio’s masterpiece: a collection of short stories written at the dawn of the Renaissance and shadowed by the devastation of the plague. The tales encompass a wide range of themes from tragic to comic and heroic to vulgar, providing ample material for discussion of Italian culture and literature in both historical and contemporary contexts. Taught in Italian. Prerequisites: One level-3 Italian course except ITAL 33000. (IRR)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

ITAL 37500 Images of Hell: Dante’s Inferno (LA)
This course studies Dante Alighieri’s Divina Commedia: Inferno in the original Italian. This text, written 700 years ago, played a critical role in shaping the language and literature of Italy. The course includes explorations of the profound and lasting influence of Dante’s work on literature, art, and culture in Italy and beyond. Taught in Italian. Prerequisites: One level-3 Italian course except ITAL 33000. (IRR)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

ITAL 38000-38009 Selected Topics in Italian Literature and Culture (LA)
Study of a genre, time period, group of authors, or single major writer. Students may only take two selected topics courses, for a total of six credits. Taught in Italian. Prerequisites: Two Italian courses at level 3, or equivalent. (IRR)
Attributes: 3A, G, HU
3 Credits

ITAL 39900-49900 Independent Study: Italian (LA)
Individual research, study, and/or writing on particular topics, supervised by a member of the department. Offered on demand only. Prerequisites: ITAL 32300, ITAL 32400, or equivalent; permission of instructor and chairperson. (IRR)
Attributes: UND
1-3 Credits

Latin (LATN)

LATN 10100 Elementary Latin I (LA)
Latin language, literature, and culture of ancient Rome and the Middle Ages. Emphasis on pronunciation, noun cases, agreement, phrases, and clauses. Readings include simple prose narratives from Roman history, fables, and mythology. Students work with an interactive computer program, supplemented by weekly review classes, drills, translations, and tests administered by the instructor. Open to students with no previous Latin, or by placement examination. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: 3A, CSA, G, H, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits

LATN 10200 Elementary Latin II (LA)
Continuation of LATN10100 Elementary Latin I. Latin language, literature, and culture of ancient Rome and the Middle Ages. Emphasis on noun and verb system, agreement, phrases, and clauses. Readings include simple prose narratives from Roman history, fables, and mythology, and simple poetry. Students work with an interactive computer program, supplemented by weekly review classes, drills, translations, and tests administered by the instructor. Prerequisites: LATN10100 with a grade of C- or better, or by placement exam. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, H, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits

LATN 20000 Comprehensive Intermediate Latin (LA)
Intensive completion of Latin grammar for intermediate proficiency, with a study of Latin literature focused on the poetry of Ovid and other authors of the Golden Age. Prerequisite: LATN 10200 with a grade of C- or better. (Y)
Attributes: 3A, CSA, G, H, HU
3 Credits

LATN 25000 Classical Mythology (LA)
A study of major themes in western mythology, including Creation and Flood narratives, Jason and the Argonauts, Orpheus and Eurydice, Perseus, the Labors of Hercules, and the Trojan War, among others, using translations of the ancient Roman poet Ovid with supplementary material from other classical authors. Examines later retelling of the ancient myths as seen in medieval and modern adaptations. Prerequisites: sophomore standing. (Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, H, HU
3 Credits

LATN 29900-49900 Independent Study (LA)
Individual research, study, and/or writing on particular topics, supervised by a mentor of the department. Offered on demand only. Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and department chair. (IRR)
1-3 Credits

Spanish (SPAN)

SPAN 10100 Elementary Spanish I (LA)
Beginning course. Practice in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing simple idiomatic Spanish with special attention to Spanish culture. Emphasizes participation and self-expression. Open to students with no previous Spanish, or by placement examination. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits

SPAN 10200 Elementary Spanish II (LA)
Continuation of SPAN 10100. Limited to students who have successfully completed SPAN 10100 with a grade of C- or better, or by placement examination. Prerequisites: SPAN 10100 or equivalent. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits

SPAN 10400 Intensive Elementary Spanish (LA)
An accelerated introductory-level course for students who have previously studied Spanish. The course prepares students for SPAN 20100 by reviewing material covered in SPAN 10100 and presenting SPAN 10200 content. Students may not receive credit for both SPAN 10400 and SPAN 10100 or SPAN 10200. By placement only. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: 3A, G, HU
3 Credits
SPAN 20100 Intermediate Spanish I (LA)
Develops intermediate-level proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing Spanish. Special emphasis is given to Spanish culture. Prerequisites: SPAN 10200 with a grade of C- or better. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: G, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits

SPAN 20200 Intermediate Spanish II (LA)
Continuation of SPAN 20100. Develops intermediate-level proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing Spanish. Special emphasis is given to Spanish culture. Prerequisites: SPAN 20100 with a grade of C- or better. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: G, HM, HU, TIDE
3 Credits

SPAN 20300 Spanish Intermediate Conversation (LA)
An optional conversation course for students enrolled in SPAN 20100-20200 who want to maximize their conversational skills. May be repeated for a total of two credits. Does not count towards major or minor. Corequisites: SPAN 20100 or SPAN 20200. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: HU
1 Credit

SPAN 26600 Spanish/Latin American Literature in Translation (LA)
A study of one or more principal works of major Spanish and/or Latin American writers. Taught in English. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing and one course in SPAN. (IRR)
Attributes: HU, WGS
3 Credits

SPAN 29900 Independent Study: Spanish (LA)
Individual research, study, and/or writing on particular topics, supervised by a member of the department. Offered on demand only. Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and chairperson. (IRR)
Attributes: UND
1-3 Credits

SPAN 30100 Teaching Spanish Language to Children through Arts and Recreation (SALTAR) (NLA)
Service learning opportunity to teach Spanish language through cultural content to children in local elementary schools. May be repeated two times for a total of three credits. Prerequisites: Intermediate proficiency in Spanish assessed either via placement exam or successful completion of Spanish 20200. (Y)
Attributes: SL
1 Credit

SPAN 30200 Teatro: Performance and Production (LA)
Production of select dramatic work(s) from Spanish, Latin, American, and US Latino traditions performed in Spanish. This course may be repeated for a total of three credits. Prerequisites: One SPAN course at the 30000-level (excluding SPAN 38000), or by placement exam. (IRR)
Attributes: LAEL
1 Credit

SPAN 32100 Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition (LA)
Development of complex grammatical, semantic, and syntactical skills through writing and correction, and through examining different examples of written and spoken Spanish (both literary and nonliterary). Students will develop a sense of the writing process as an interaction between writer and reader, purpose and message. Prerequisites: SPAN 20200 with a grade of C- or better, or equivalent. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: CCCS, HU
3 Credits

SPAN 32300 Conversation: Contemporary Issues (LA)
Focuses on contemporary issues to develop students’ speaking skills. Readings-based discussions, both literary and nonliterary, include ethical and moral issues, politics, youth culture, and technology and society. Prerequisites: SPAN 20200 with a grade of C- or better. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: 3A, CCCS, G, HU, LAEL
3 Credits

SPAN 32400 Conversation: The Spanish-Speaking World (LA)
Focuses on issues specific to the Spanish-speaking world to improve students’ speaking skills. Readings-based topics, both literary and nonliterary, include Hispanic presence in the United States, bilingual education, and language and cultural influences. Prerequisites: SPAN 20200. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: 3A, CCCS, G, HU, LAEL
3 Credits

SPAN 32500 Experiencing Hispanic Literature (LA)
Provides students with essential vocabulary for critical literary analysis, and introduces them to four literary genres (poetry, drama, fiction, and essay) through representative readings from both Spanish and Latin American literatures. Teaches students to read literature and write about it from an analytical perspective. Prerequisites: SPAN 32100 or SPAN 32300 or SPAN 32400. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: LAEL, LSCH
3 Credits

SPAN 32600 Latin American Civilization and Culture (LA)
An exploration of the people and cultures of the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. Traces the development of these regions from indigenous preconquest cultures to contemporary issues of globalization, while addressing ethnicity, gender, religion, class, and the arts. Prerequisites: SPAN 32100 or SPAN 32300 or SPAN 32400. (S,Y)
Attributes: G, H, HU, INBG
3 Credits

SPAN 33200 Advanced Business/Professional Spanish (LA)
Practice in speaking, reading, and writing Spanish, with an emphasis placed on business-oriented concepts and materials. Prerequisites: SPAN 32100 or SPAN 32300 or SPAN 32400. (S,Y)
Attributes: CCCS, HU
3 Credits

SPAN 33300 Latin American Civilization and Culture (LA)
An overview of Spanish literature from the Middle Ages to the present. Special attention will be given to literary movements and recurrent themes. Required for Spanish majors. Prerequisites: SPAN 32200, or by placement examination. (F-Y)
Attributes: 3A, DV, G, HU
3 Credits
SPAN 33800 Introduction to Latin American Literature (LA)
An overview of Latin American literature from the colonial period to the present. Special attention will be given to literary movements and recurrent themes. Required for Spanish majors. Prerequisites: SPAN 32200, or by placement examination. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: 3A, DV, G, HU
3 Credits

SPAN 35500 Spanish Translation in Practice (LA)
Further study of the Spanish language through the art of translation. Students develop skills in English/Spanish and Spanish/English translation using a variety of texts (letters, literary selections, journalism, advertisements, and "how to" material). A close reading of the material translated helps the student focus on the nuances of each language and cultural differences. Prerequisites: SPAN 32100. (IRR)
Attributes: LAEL, WI
3 Credits

SPAN 37900 Selected Topics in Spanish and/or Latin American Literature and Culture (LA)
Explores themes pertinent to Spanish and/or Latin American literature and culture. May be repeated for a total of six credits when topics vary. Prerequisites: SPAN 32100 and SPAN 32500. (IRR)
Attributes: LAEL
3 Credits

SPAN 38000 Latino/a Culture through Literature (LA)
This course examines, through literature, the experience and assimilation of Spanish-speaking immigrants to the United States – at present, the nation’s largest minority group. It will explore such themes as how Latino/a authors negotiate a path between two cultures and two languages; the presence of Hispanic/Latino groups in the United States; racism and classism; religion; popular culture and the role of women; and the importance of the family. Prerequisites: Three courses in the humanities or social sciences. Taught in English. (IRR)
Attributes: DV, G, LAEL, LSCH, WGS, WGS3
3 Credits

SPAN 39900-39901 Independent Study: Spanish (LA)
Individual research, study, and/or writing on particular topics, supervised by a member of the department. Offered on demand only. Prerequisites: SPAN 32200 or SPAN 32300, or equivalent; permission of instructor and chairperson. (IRR)
Attributes: UND
1-3 Credits

SPAN 43700 Contemporary Spanish Culture through Film (LA)
Film is used as a tool through which students will learn about the cultural movements and historic events that have shaped, and continue to shape, contemporary Spanish national identity. Of particular interest will be the Surrealist movement, depictions of the Spanish Civil War, the years of Franco’s dictatorship, the Movida, and (re)current polemic issues. Prerequisites: SPAN 33500 and SPAN 33700. (IRR)
Attributes: HU, INBG
3 Credits

SPAN 45400 Cervantes (LA)
A study of “Don Quijote” and a selected group of “novelas ejemplares” (short stories) and plays, with particular reference to Cervantes’s unique contribution to the modern novel and world literature. Prerequisites: SPAN 33700 or SPAN 33800. (IRR)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

SPAN 45500 Golden Age Drama (LA)
The drama of Spain’s golden age - the Renaissance and the baroque period - is one of the greatest achievements of world literature. We examine Spain’s national drama, its precepts, and its literary tradition created by Lope de Vega and continued for more than 100 years, from 1580 to 1700, by other playwrights such as Calderón, Tirso de Molina, and Alarcón. Prerequisites: SPAN 33700 or SPAN 33800. (IRR)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

SPAN 45600 Golden Age Poetry (LA)
The poetry of Spain’s golden age - the Renaissance and baroque periods - is one of the greatest achievements of world literature. We examine the Italianate poetry of Garcilaso de la Vega, and his followers, and the development of lyrical poetry by other poets of the periods such as Fray Luis de León, Lope de Vega, Francisco de Quevedo, and San Juan de la Cruz. Prerequisites: SPAN 33700 or SPAN 33800. (IRR)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

SPAN 45700 Golden Age Prose (LA)
The prose of Spain’s golden age - the Renaissance and the baroque period - is one of the greatest achievements of world literature. We examine the origin and development of the picaresque novel, the pastoral novel, and short stories. Prerequisites: SPAN 33700 or SPAN 33800. (IRR)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

SPAN 46100 Medieval Spanish Literature (LA)
Study of representative texts of medieval Spain such as Poema de Mio Cid, Libro de Buen Amor, and La Celestina. Examines the coexistence of Christians, Jews, and Muslims, and their contributions to the development of Western civilization. Prerequisites: SPAN 33700 or SPAN 33800. (IRR)
Attributes: HU
3 Credits

SPAN 46300 Nineteenth-Century Spanish Literature (LA)
Study of representative works of naturalism, realism, and romanticism. Typical authors include Pardo Bazán, Galdos, and Rosalía de Castro. Prerequisites: SPAN 33700 or SPAN 33800. (IRR)
Attributes: 3A, G, HU
3 Credits

SPAN 46400 Contemporary Spanish Literature (LA)
A study of contemporary Spanish fiction, poetry, drama, and essays connecting literature to history, culture, politics, and art forms of the period through linguistic and textual analysis. Readings include texts from the Generacion del ’98 to the present. Prerequisites: SPAN 33700 or SPAN 33800. (IRR)
Attributes: 3A, G, HU
3 Credits

SPAN 47100 Latin American Fiction (LA)
Traces the development of a particularly Latin American voice through the readings of representative contemporary short stories and novels. Readings may include works by Martí, Azuela, Borges, Fuentes, Cortázar, García Márquez, Allende, and Ferré. Prerequisites: SPAN 33700 or SPAN 33800. (IRR)
Attributes: 3A, G, HU
3 Credits
SPAN 47200 Latin American Poetry and Drama (LA)
Familiarizes the student with the writings of major Latin American poets from the colonial period to the present and with the works of contemporary Latin American dramatists. Prerequisites: SPAN 33700 or SPAN 33800. (IRR)
Attributes: 3A, G, HU
3 Credits

SPAN 47300 Modernismo (LA)
Analysis of the poetical and prose work of "modernismo" (1888-1910), Latin America's first authentic literary movement. Emphasis is given to the study of the new aesthetics and to the desire of Latin America's writers to affirm a new cultural identity. Readings include selections from Martí, Casals, Darío, Silva, Lugones, Rodó, and others. Prerequisites: SPAN 33700 or SPAN 33800. (IRR)
Attributes: HU, LSPL
3 Credits

SPAN 47400 Topics in Spanish and/or Latin American Literature and Culture (LA)
Studies themes pertinent within Spanish and/or Latin American literature and culture. May be repeated for a total of nine credits when topics vary. Prerequisites: SPAN 33700 or SPAN 33800. (IRR)
Attributes: 3A, G, HU
3 Credits

SPAN 49100 Seminar (LA)
Study of selected topics in Spanish and/or Latin American literature and/or culture. Prerequisites: A minimum of two Spanish literature courses numbered SPAN 33700 or above. May be repeated for a total of six credits when topics vary. (F-S,Y)
Attributes: LAEL, WGS, WGS3
3 Credits

SPAN 49900 Honors Research (LA)
Individual research, study, and writing on particular topics, supervised by a member of the department and presented before a departmental committee. For students who meet the honors criteria as described in the undergraduate catalog. (IRR)
Attributes: UND
3 Credits