

FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

College of Arts and Sciences • Department of Foreign Languages and Literature

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, French and German
- Bachelor of Science + Secondary Education Teacher Certification in Spanish, French and German
- Minors in Spanish, French and German; Focus in Chinese
- Focus Spanish, French, German

Why Foreign Languages and Literature?

A degree in foreign languages and literature is ideal for students who want to share their love of a language and culture with others. It appeals to students who want to travel the world and possibly change it. It also is a degree for students who wish to be competitive in the global marketplace and who realize that speaking multiple languages can build bridges of understanding and commerce.

Foreign Languages and Literature at SIUE

SIUE's foreign languages and literature program enables students to become fluent in a target language and develop insight into the culture and literature of foreign countries. Primary language tracks include Spanish, French, and German. Courses also are offered in Arabic, Chinese, Foreign Language Studies, Greek, Italian, Latin and Yoruba. Faculty members, including two Fulbright scholars, use creative teaching methods in and outside the classroom. Students are invited to join the department's active foreign language club and its weekly Conversation Hours with other students and guests to foster proficiency in a particular language. In addition, the University's state-of-the-art Foreign Languages Training Center offers three computer labs with a library of interactive software to help students improve language acquisition skills and access authentic cultural materials. The Center boasts a multi-technology Plasma Lounge where students can watch international television and interactive DVDs. Study-abroad programs enable further in-depth study of language and literature. Those interested in a teaching career will benefit from a collaborative program with the Edwardsville School District that allows foreign language students to teach elementary school children in a before-school program.

Career Outlook

Graduates with multiple language skills will have a competitive edge in a multicultural work force, in most branches of the federal government, and in teaching at all levels. Graduates also find rewarding careers in international business — import and export trade — and as translators or consultants. Many use their degrees to join international relief organizations and to work on global peace initiatives. Salaries are competitive, and travel opportunities often are an exciting job benefit.

Admission Requirements

Students wishing to declare a major must satisfy the following requirements:

- Complete all Academic Development courses required by the University.
- Complete any required courses to address high school deficiencies.
- Achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 in courses completed at SIUE.

Exit Requirements

French and German Majors

FL 111a,b or e, FR/GER 201, FR/GER 202, FR/GER 301, FR/GER 351, FR/GER 352, 300-400 level elective courses (12 hours), FR/GER 400a,b



Faculty

Professors

Belinda Carstens-Wickham, (Chair), Ph.D.

1980, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Joan D. Mann, Ph.D.

1987, University of Florida

Geert Pallemans, Ph.D.

1992, Florida State University

Associate Professors

Douglas Simms, Ph.D.

2003, University of Texas, Austin

Mariana Solares, Ph.D.

1997, University of California, Irvine

Assistant Professors

Olga Bezhanova, Ph.D.

2008, Yale University

Joaquin Florido Berrocal

2009, Johns Hopkins University

Thomas Lavalley, Ph.D.

2004, Washington University

Carolina Rocha, Ph.D.

2001, University of Texas, Austin

Sample Four-Year Curriculum- French - BA

	FALL	SPRING
YEAR 1	FR 101 Elementary French I (4) ENG 101 English Composition I (3) FL 111a or FL 111e Intro to Foreign Studies (3) Intro Natural Sciences & Math (3) Intro Social Sciences (3) Total 16	FR 102 Elementary French II (IC) (4) ENG 102 English Composition II S (3) STAT 107, PHIL 106, MATH 106, FL 106, CS 108, or CMIS 108 (3) Intro Fine Arts & Humanities (3) Intro GENERAL EDUCATION (3) Total 16
YEAR 2	FR 201 Intermediate French I (4) Dist Natural Sciences & Math (3) Dist Fine Arts & Humanities (3) Intro GENERAL EDUCATION (3) ELECTIVE (3) Total 16	FR 202 Intermediate French II (4) Dist Social Sciences (3) Intergroup Relations (IGR)* (3) ELECTIVE (3) ELECTIVE (3) Total 16
YEAR 3	FR 301 Advanced French (4) FR 351 Survey of French Literature** (3) Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) (3) ELECTIVE (3) ELECTIVE (3) Total 16	FR 352 Survey of French Literature** (3) French ELECTIVE (300-400 level) (3) ELECTIVE (3) ELECTIVE (3) ELECTIVE (3) Total 15
YEAR 4	FR 400a Senior Essay (2) French ELECTIVE (300-400 level) (3) French ELECTIVE (300-400 level) (3) ELECTIVE (3) ELECTIVE (4) Total 15	FR 400b Senior Essay (2) French ELECTIVE (300-400 level) (3) ELECTIVE (3) ELECTIVE (3) ELECTIVE (3) Total 14

* Course taken to fulfill this requirement may also satisfy a General Education requirement. Refer to the SIUE Undergraduate Catalog for a list of approved courses. ** French 351 and 352 are only offered every other year.

TRANSFER STUDENTS Maximize your transfer experience - complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer **AND** satisfy the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed, or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Transfer Credit Equivalency Guides are located at siue.edu/transfer/

In order to be admitted into the teacher certification program, students must have:

- Received a grade of C or above in **ENG 101** and **ENG 102**
- Completed 43 semester hours of course credit and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher (this includes work at other institutions)
- Successfully completed the introductory course **CI 200**
- **Passed the ICTS Basic Skills Test.** Information about this test is available at www.icts.nesinc.com

BA degree requires two semesters of same foreign language.

Spanish Major

SPAN 201, 202, 301, 302, 400, 300-400 level elective courses (18 hours)

Advanced electives will normally include at least two courses in culture and two in literature. 400 usually is taken during the last semester of major course work.

Secondary Education Teacher Certification Program

Students seeking secondary education teacher certification will complete the following in addition to major requirements: FL 486 Professional Education Courses; and oral proficiency interview

Note: A "B" (3.0) average in the major is required for secondary education teacher certification. In order to register for student teaching in foreign languages (CI 352g), students must successfully complete a student teaching interview.

Application Deadline

Please refer to SIUE's undergraduate application deadlines.

Academic Advising Information

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