

## Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Language and Literature
- Bachelor of Science in Foreign Language and Literature
  - Teacher Licensure (K-12) Programs are available in French, German and Spanish (Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science)
- Concentrations, minors and focus areas available in the following:
  - French
  - German
  - Spanish
  - Chinese (focus area)
- Interdisciplinary Minors Offered through the College of Arts and Sciences:
  - African Studies
  - Asian Studies
  - Classical Studies
  - European Studies
  - Latin American Studies
- Additional Languages Offered:
  - Arabic\*
  - Greek
  - Italian
  - Latin
  - Yoruba\*

\*Languages currently taught by Fulbright scholars

## Foreign Languages and Literature at SIUE

At SIUE, we take our students out into the world and bring the world to our students. Our program curriculum includes subject areas focusing on the languages, literatures, cultures and histories of diverse regions and countries. Our K-12 teacher certification program is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation and the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (CAEP/ACTFL).

Language learners are brought together in a variety of settings including classroom, language lab, study abroad destinations, language conversation hours and student organizations. While offering opportunities to study many different languages from around the world, we provide a balance between delivering courses to students majoring in foreign languages and literature, and contributing to general education course requirements. Study abroad opportunities are offered in countries all around the world.

Professors in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature have trained at the finest universities in the United States and abroad. Staff members are experienced in all aspects of language teaching and are committed to student success and well-being. At SIUE, our students are never just a number. College of Arts and Sciences faculty and staff ensure that students receive personal attention in order to help them achieve their full potential.

## Career Opportunities

Increasing diversity in the United States requires more professionals have diverse language skills and cultural awareness. Students graduating with knowledge of one or more foreign languages will have a competitive edge in today's high level of globalization in the world economy. Some recent graduates from the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature hold positions with companies such as Alloy Holdings, Boeing, Express Scripts, Deloitte Tohmatsu, Anheuser-Busch, the AIDS Foundation and Wells Fargo.

At SIUE, many of our students pursue a double major and combine foreign languages with fields such as business, law enforcement, nursing, medicine, engineering and construction. Training is also available for students completing degrees in business, pharmacy and nursing.



## Faculty

**Olga Bezhanova, PhD, Spanish**  
2008, Yale University

**Belinda Carstens-Wickham, PhD, German**  
1980, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

**Heidy Cuervo Carruthers, PhD, Spanish**  
2013, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

**Joaquin Florido Berrocal, PhD, Spanish**  
2009, Johns Hopkins University

**Thomas Lavallee, PhD, Chinese**  
2004, Washington University

**Debbie Mann, PhD, French**  
1987, University of Florida

**Geert Pallemans, PhD, French**  
1992, Florida State University

**Carolina Rocha, PhD, Spanish**  
2001, University of Texas - Austin

**Douglas Simms, PhD, German**  
2003, University of Texas - Austin

## Staff

Tara Huntley, Office Support Specialist

## Sample Four-Year Curriculum

Sample four-year curriculum shown below for the Bachelor of Arts in foreign languages and literature in Spanish.

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Year 1	<b>SPAN 101</b> Elementary Spanish I (BICS)	4	<b>SPAN 102</b> Elementary Spanish II (EGC)	4
	ENG 101 English Composition I	3	ENG 102 English Composition II	3
	Breadth Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA)	3	RA 101 Reasoning & Argumentation	3
	Breadth Humanities (BHUM)	3	QR 101 Quantitative Reasoning	3
	ACS 101 or 103 Oral Expression	3	Breadth Physical Science (BPS)	3
	Total Credits	16	Total Credits	16
Year 2	<b>SPAN 201</b> Intermediate Spanish I (BICS)	4	<b>SPAN 202</b> Intermediate Spanish II	4
	Breadth Life Science (BLS)	3	Health Experience (EH)	3
	Breadth Social Science (BSS)	3	Elective	3
	Lab Experience (EL)	3	Elective	3
	United States Cultures (EUSC)	3	Elective	3
	Total Credits	16	Total Credits	16
Year 3	SPAN 301 Advanced Spanish	4	SPAN 302 Advanced Spanish	4
	Spanish Elective (300-400 level)	3	Spanish Elective (300-400 level)	3
	Interdisciplinary Studies (IS)	3	Spanish Elective (300-400 level)	3
	Elective	3	Elective	5
	Total Credits	13	Total Credits	15
	Year 4	SPAN 400 Senior Essay	3	SPAN Elective (300-400 level)
SPAN Elective (300-400 level)		3	Elective	4
SPAN Elective (300-400 level)		3	Elective	3
Elective		3	Elective	3
Elective		3	Total Credits	13
Total Credits		15		

**Transfer Students** To maximize your transfer experience, complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer **AND** satisfy either 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](http://siue.edu/transfer).

### 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 (GPA) of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in courses completed at SIUE.

All incoming students with one (1) year or more of high school foreign language study are encouraged to take a placement test prior to enrolling in any course in that same language at SIUE. There is no charge for the test, and students may earn up to 16 hours of proficiency credit in accordance with University and departmental policies. These credits can give you a head start on a major or minor in a world language by starting at a more advanced level, assist you in a double major, or help you complete your major or minor early. Please contact the department for more information.

### Graduation Requirements

For majors and minors in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, credit is allowed for only those courses in which grades of C or better are earned. A "B" (3.0) average in the major is required for Teacher certification (K-12).

### Notes

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 (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale (this includes work at other institutions).
- Successfully completed the introductory course CI 200.
- Passed the Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) Test of Academic Proficiency (formerly known as the Basic Skills Test). Information about this test is available at [icts.nesinc.com](http://icts.nesinc.com).

### Contact Information

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