

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science, Foreign Language & Literature (specialization required in one of the following)
 - French
 - German
 - Spanish
- Professional Educator Licensure (K-12) program in French, German or Spanish

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.

In addition to our concentration areas in French, German and Spanish, language courses are offered in Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Italian, Latin and Yoruba. Interdisciplinary minors are available in African studies, Asian studies, classical studies, European studies and Latin American studies.

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

José Licón Oppenheimer, PhD, Spanish
2016, Washington University

Debbie Mann, PhD, French
1987, University of Florida

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1992, Florida State University

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

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2003, University of Texas - Austin

Staff

Tara Huntley, Office Support Specialist

Sample Curriculum for the Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages and Literature, Spanish

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Year 1	SPAN 101 Elementary Spanish I (BICS)	4	SPAN 102 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 Public Speaking	3	Breadth Physical Science (BPS)	3
	Total Credits	16	Total Credits	16
Year 2	SPAN 201 Intermediate Spanish I (BICS)	4	SPAN 202 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		
			Total Hours	120

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. Visit siue.edu/transfer to find course equivalency guides.

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 GPA of at least 2.0 in courses completed at SIUE

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 licensure (K-12).

Contact Information

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