

Strengths of the Program

- Study with internationally renowned scholars dedicated to undergraduate teaching.
- State-of-the-art technology and multimedia facilities in the classroom and at our Language Learning Resource Center enhance your learning experience.
- Study abroad opportunities at hundreds of university-approved international programs for college credit, with scholarships available to make this more affordable to our students.
- Opportunity to gain up to eight departmental advanced placement credits at no extra charge when a student places in a language course higher than 101 and attains a B or better in that course.
- Study abroad and gain six General Education Requirement (GER) credits for second-year (200) level language courses through the foreign language fluency track.
- Small classes that allow for enhanced interaction and discussion in a wide variety of language, culture, film, and literature courses.
- Opportunities to pursue a broad variety of professional positions in many areas of the world.
- Enhance any other discipline you choose to major in, including business, communications, management and information systems, engineering, health, veterinary science, and others, and become more competitive in the world market.



Scholarships and Financial Aid

Each year, the University awards about \$117 million in scholarships and financial aid to more than 8,000 undergraduate students.

Foreign Languages and Cultures students may apply for departmental-sponsored as well as University-level scholarships, and over \$50,000 in scholarships awarded by the College of Liberal Arts.

You also may qualify for a variety of federal, state, and University-sponsored financial aid and scholarships. For more information on the full range of scholarships and financial aid available from WSU, visit www.wsu.edu/scholarships.



Visiting Campus

We'd love to show you around and answer your questions! You can tour the University's world-class facilities, meet with professors, and see firsthand what it's like to live and study at Washington State University. Schedule an individual visit or register for a visitation program online at www.visit.wsu.edu.

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Foreign Languages and Cultures



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Your Major: Foreign Languages and Cultures

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Foreign Languages and Cultures is the study of languages other than English and the cultures where these languages are spoken.

The study of a foreign language allows for direct access to people and cultures other than one's own and helps develop international understanding and sensitivity. Knowledge of a foreign language is also an important tool in a broad variety of professions. We live in a complex world where global awareness, cultural understanding, and intercultural communication are vital aspects of business, government, and education, indeed of all human interaction. Foreign Languages and Cultures provides the training necessary to flourish in this competitive environment.



Your Course of Study

Choose from several areas of study:

- **Majors:** Chinese, French, German, or Spanish.
- **Minors:** Chinese, French, German, Russian, or Spanish language, as well as minors in film, French area, German area, Latin American area, and Russian area studies.
- The department also offers courses in Arabic, ancient Greek, Italian, Japanese, Latin, and Nez Perce.
- We offer courses taught in English on foreign film, culture, and literature in translation that fulfill General Education Requirements. Readings are all in English translation, and foreign films are subtitled.

REQUIREMENTS AND CORE COURSES

- In addition to University and College of Liberal Arts general education requirements, all students in the major must complete 34 credits in language (including reading and translation, speaking and listening, grammar and writing), culture, film, literature, and/or professional language courses. These credits include six 400-level credits in French, German, or Spanish studies by theme, author, or genre, and a course in comparative language, culture, or film.
- Students must complete 12 credit hours in the major's target language (French, German or Spanish) with a minimum grade of C or better, or demonstrate an equivalent level of competence to enroll in the courses required for the degree.
- Majors must complete either a minor in a second foreign language, a concentration of at least 16 credits in a related field, or a second major.
- To fulfill requirements for a minor in Chinese, French, German, Russian, or Spanish, a student must complete a minimum of 16 credits of course work in one language area. Nine credits must be in the target language at the 300-400 level (or six credits in the target language at the 300-400 level and three credits in film, culture, or literature in the language area taught in English). Minors in film, French area, German area, Latin American area, and Russian area studies require 18-21 credits of course work.
- Teacher Training Program: Contact the Department of Teaching and Learning for certification requirements and for teaching majors and minors. There are two extra required courses for students pursuing this option: Methods of Teaching Foreign Languages and Instructional Technology for Foreign Language Learning.
- Of the total number of credits for the minor, a minimum of 9 with a letter grade must be taken at WSU, with 3 of those credits at the 300-400 level.

Note: You should consult the General Catalog for course planning and must meet course requirements for your major, as outlined in the catalog, to graduate.

For the most up-to-date information on course sequences, financial aid, and more, visit our Web site at www.academics.wsu.edu.

What you can do with your degree

Knowledge of a foreign language is an important part of the basic preparation for a wide variety of careers in several areas. Among them are:

Industry and Commerce

- Overseas sales representative, manager, researcher
- U.S.-based import/export officer or investment specialist
- Interpreter, translator, technical writer/translator

Academic and Professional

- International lawyer • Health care professional
- Academic researcher, librarian • Foreign language/bilingual teacher

Service

- Employee of overseas non-governmental organization or United Nations agency • Overseas medical or agricultural worker • Peace Corps volunteer • Missionary
- Social worker

U.S. Government

- Immigration/customs official • Staff/faculty at overseas U.S. school or embassy • State Department, armed forces staff, intelligence agent

Arts, Media, Entertainment

- Journalist, foreign/overseas correspondent
- Film producer • Art dealer

Travel and Tourism

- U.S. based or international travel agent, hotel staff, or tour guide • Writer of tourist literature

Our alumni have gone on to enjoy careers as varied as vintners, special assistants to university presidents, translators for various institutions, editors in university presses, and cruise directors for major cruise lines, not to mention teachers of their chosen language of study.



The Honors College

Do you have an outstanding academic record and a desire to make a difference? In the Honors College, you enjoy:

- Small, discussion-based classes
- Courses that explore your interests in depth
- One-on-one discussions with top professors
- Hands-on learning through internships, your own research, or community service
- The chance to study abroad

No matter what your major, the college opens doors to exclusive graduate and professional programs.

For details, visit www.wsu.edu/honors.