

Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

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Courses in foreign languages and literatures are designed to meet the needs of all students and to develop communication skills and appreciation of cultures and literatures. The major is offered for those preparing to teach foreign languages, for students wishing to develop proficiency in the languages, for students preparing for international careers, and for students planning for graduate study.

The major in Foreign Languages has three concentrations—French, German, and Spanish—and leads to either the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. Minors are offered in French, German, and Spanish, and courses in Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese, and Russian are available.

Interdisciplinary minors coordinated through the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures include Early Modern European Studies, Latin American Studies, Linguistic Studies, Portuguese Studies, and Classical Studies.

Curricular listings include General Education requirements in Communication, History, Humanities and/or Fine Arts, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Social/Behavioral Sciences categories as outlined on pages 64–67.

Teacher Licensure

Students seeking a license to teach a foreign language in secondary schools (grades 7–12) must complete (1) a major in the language they intend to teach; (2) FL 4500, Introduction to Teaching Foreign Languages; (3) a minor; and (4) the Secondary Education minor. Each student must pass an oral interview in the target language at the high intermediate level.

Minor Requirements

Students must take a 15–18 hour approved minor acceptable for a B.A. degree.

Secondary Education Minor Requirements

Students must contact their Secondary Education minor advisors for approval of appropriate courses. (For specific procedures and additional requirements for teacher licensure, see page 166)

NOTE: Please see Department of Educational Leadership on page 166 for Secondary Education minor requirements.

Major in Foreign Languages

A student majoring in Foreign Languages must select one of the concentrations and specialize in either French, German, or Spanish. A major consists of 35 semester hours in one language (excluding 1010) and must include at least 20 hours of upper-division work.

French specialists are required to take FREN 3010, 3040, 3080, either 3050, 3070, 3060, or 3110, and two 4000-level courses. Native speakers of French will substitute FREN 3110, 3120, or an additional 4000-level course for 3010 and 3040.

German specialists are required to take GERM 3010, 3020, and two 4000-level courses.

Spanish specialists are required to take SPAN 3010, 3020, and two 4000-level courses. Native speakers of Spanish should consult with their advisors.

Majors should choose HUM 2610, Foreign Literature in Translation, to satisfy part of the General Education Humanities and/or Fine Arts requirements.

Majors should pursue the following lower-division program:

Recommended Curriculum

FRESHMAN		SOPHOMORE	
ENGL 1010, 1020 (Comm)	6	HUM 2610 (Hum/FA)	3
Natural Sciences	8	Humanities and/or Fine Arts (2 prefixes)	6
Foreign language 1010, 1020 or 2010, 2020	6	Foreign language 2010, 2020 or 3010, 3020	6
Social/Behavioral Sciences	6	HIST 2010, 2020, or 2030	6
COMM 2200 (Comm)	3	Mathematics	3
	29	Electives	6
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Before beginning the junior year, the student should file a degree plan with his or her advisor.

Minor in French, German, Japanese, or Spanish

A minor in French, German, Japanese, or Spanish requires 18 semester hours in the selected language (excluding 1010), including 9 hours of 3000- and/or 4000-level courses.

Advanced Placement Credit

A student scoring 3 or above on the Advanced Placement Exam for French, German, Latin, or Spanish of The College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) will receive 6 credit hours (1010 and 1020). In addition, a student possessing knowledge of French, Spanish, German, or Latin resulting from high school study, family background, or foreign travel may earn up to 12 hours lower-division credit on the basis of a placement examination, provided the student does not already have college credit in the language for which he/she is seeking placement credit and provided the student successfully completes one course in the language at MTSU.

Students may make arrangements to take the placement test in the Media Lab, Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building 303B.

NOTE: No student is permitted to take 1010, 1020, 2010, and 2020 in a foreign language out of sequence without the permission of the instructor. Similarly, no student who has successfully completed an upper-level course will be permitted to enroll in a lower-division course in the same language without the permission of the instructor.

Interdisciplinary Minors

Interdisciplinary minors are open to all students in the University. The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures coordinates the interdisciplinary minors in Classical Studies, Early Modern European Studies, Latin American Studies, Portuguese Studies, and Linguistic Studies. See Interdisciplinary Minors beginning on page 80.

Class Attendance Policy

The instructor can at his/her own discretion drop a student after two class meetings if the student fails to attend the first two class meetings.

Course in Foreign Languages [FL]

See back of catalog for course descriptions.

Courses in Humanities [HUM]

See back of catalog for course descriptions.

Courses in Arabic [ARAB]

See back of catalog for course descriptions.

Courses in Chinese [CHIN]

See back of catalog for course descriptions.

Courses in French [FREN]

See back of catalog for course descriptions.

Courses in German [GERM]

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Courses in Hebrew [HEBR]

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Courses in Japanese [JAPN]

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Courses in Latin [LATN]

See back of catalog for course descriptions.

Courses in Portuguese [PORT]

See back of catalog for course descriptions.

Courses in Russian [RUSS]

See back of catalog for course descriptions.

Courses in Spanish [SPAN]

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Graduate Study

The department offers the Master of Arts in Teaching degree. Requirements for this degree and a list of the courses offered for graduate credit are published in the Graduate Catalog.