



COLLEGE OF
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Department of World Languages and Cultures

Essential Communication Skills for a Rapidly Shrinking World

Languages offered
as majors:

- FRENCH
- SPANISH

Languages offered
as minors:

- FRENCH
- GERMAN
- SPANISH

Elementary-level
classes offered in:

- CHINESE
- ITALIAN

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The Major

Through foreign language study, students acquire the vitally important communication skills that are needed in an ever-shrinking world.

With courses in Chinese, French, German, Italian and Spanish, Winthrop's Department of World Languages and Cultures offers students the opportunity to expand their horizons. Students receive balanced instruction in listening, speaking, reading and writing skills, in addition to having the chance to study the culture, history, and literature of the countries where the language being studied is spoken.

Program

The requirement for the B.A. in French or Spanish is 38 semester hours above the elementary level. Required courses include composition and conversation, one survey of literature, and a culture/civilization class. In addition, two courses in another language are required. Proficiency in language skills must be demonstrated by completing the ACTFL oral proficiency interview and writing proficiency test. Teacher certification programs are available in French and Spanish. A minor in French, German or Spanish requires 18 semester hours above the elementary level. The department sponsors study abroad programs on a rotating basis in countries such as Costa Rica, France, Germany and Spain.

Student Organizations

The department sponsors two student honor societies—Pi Delta Phi for students of French and Sigma Delta Pi for students of Spanish. There are also active language clubs.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available to students showing high levels of proficiency in foreign languages. Contact the department chair for more information.

Teacher Certification

There is a continuing need for teachers of foreign languages at the elementary and secondary school levels. The Department of World Languages and Cultures and the Richard W. Riley College of Education work together to offer K-12 certification as a teacher of French and/or Spanish.

Careers

With a major or minor in a foreign language, students can offer a potential employer unique skills that are more and more in demand. Students are encouraged to complement their language study with a concentration in business or the liberal or fine arts. The growth of international business and the need for employees with a global perspective serve to make graduates in foreign languages highly sought in the job market. For those who prefer to stay in an academic setting, an undergraduate concentration in a foreign language opens the way for graduate studies in teaching English to speakers of other languages, traditional graduate programs in a foreign language, law, political science and many other graduate degrees.

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You can complete a double major in French and Spanish or combine your language major with a major in another subject area.

Or you can add a global component to your major by completing a minor in French, German, or Spanish.

Are you planning to continue your study of French, German, or Spanish at Winthrop?

If so, the “Advanced Standing” program of the Department of World Languages and Cultures may be right for you!

How Does the “Advanced Standing” Program Work?

Students may obtain credit for the elementary level sequence and/or the intermediate level sequence in French, German, or Spanish upon completion of an appropriate course with a grade of “B” or higher. See table below. Credit will not be given for courses for which university credit has been awarded previously. No grade is assigned to this credit. A grade is received only for the course taken at Winthrop. For further information, contact the chair of the Department of World Languages and Cultures.

Courses taken at Winthrop with an earned grade of “B” or higher:	Foreign language credit may be received for:
French 102 (Elementary French II)	French 101
French 201 (Intermediate French I)	French 101 and/or 102
French 202 (Intermediate French II)	French 101, 102 and/or French 201
French 250 (Intermediate Composition and Conversation) or higher	French 101, 102, 201 and/or French 202
German 102 (Elementary German II)	German 101
German 201 (Intermediate German I)	German 101 and/or 102
German 202 (Intermediate German II)	German 101, 102 and/or German 201
German 250 (Introduction to German Literature and Composition) or higher	German 101, 102, 201 and/or German 202
Spanish 102 (Elementary Spanish II)	Spanish 101
Spanish 201 (Intermediate Spanish I)	Spanish 101 and/or 102
Spanish 202 (Intermediate Spanish II)	Spanish 101, 102 and/or Spanish 201
Spanish 250 (Intermediate Composition and Conversation) or higher	Spanish 101, 102, 201 and/or Spanish 202

Faculty

The faculty members in the Department of World Languages and Cultures have extensive and varied academic backgrounds. All have traveled widely, and many have lived abroad. They have advanced degrees in the languages they teach, pursue active research agendas, and participate in many professional organizations and conferences. Majors and minors in the department have many opportunities to interact with their professors in the classroom, during advising sessions, and in other departmental activities.



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