

Winthrop University

DEPARTMENT OF

World Languages and Cultures

The Department of World Languages and Cultures offers students like you the opportunity to develop the linguistic skills and cultural competencies that are increasingly necessary in an interconnected and rapidly changing world. In addition to its more traditional applications (translation, diplomacy, education), our program provides an ideal complement – as a minor or double major – to a variety of fields of study (business, psychology, political science, social work, among others), providing you with a competitive advantage in today's job market.

Quick Facts

37 World Language Majors and 93 Minors

50%+ international faculty

100% placement rate for teacher ed. graduates



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Chair, Department of World Languages

Bonjour!
Ciao!
Hola!

If you pursue studies in languages and cultures other than your own, you're granted unique access to the world beyond, able to make professional, as well as personal, connections otherwise unavailable in other disciplines. Not only is our diverse, international faculty committed to the development of superior communication skills through one-on-one interaction, but we will expose you to rich cultural traditions through a variety of media and experiences, including study abroad. Our course offerings are diversifying as well, in order to help you apply your linguistic and multi-cultural competency to a variety of professions. Please contact me for additional information.

Tschüss!

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Degree Programs

Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages

French Concentration,
Spanish Concentration

French Minor, German Minor,
Spanish Minor

Additional Languages offered:
Chinese, Ancient Greek, Italian, Latin

"My French major at Winthrop not only provided me with **career opportunities** that I never **imagined** – working on projects abroad as well as closer to home, in Charlotte, at **almost double the normal pay rate** – but it made me a **better person** by opening the door to **new cultures** and viewpoints. I would **highly recommend** the program to anyone looking for **new experiences** leading to **personal as well as professional growth.**"

- Joshua B. Mitchell '03

Co-Curricular Experiences Open To All World Languages Majors

- Study Abroad
- Undergraduate Research
- Service Learning & Internships

Extra-Curricular Activities Open To All World Languages Majors

- French Club
- Spanish Club
- Sigma Delta Pi
- Pi Delta Phi

Freshman Class Schedule

ACAD 101	Introduces first-year students to the concepts, resources, and skills necessary for successful higher learning and facilitates the student's adjustment to the learning academy.
WRIT 101	Introduces students to college-level, thesis-driven, research-based writing. Focus on planning, organizing, and developing persuasive essays.
MATH 150	Study of basic skills and applications necessary for critical thinking in a quantitative world.
SPAN 250	Builds writing and speaking skills through study of literary texts and other cultural artifacts.
SPAN 280	Introduction to foreign cinema as an art form and embodiment of cultures of Spanish-speaking countries.

“My minor in the Department of World Languages and Cultures set me on a path that included studying at the University of Vienna, working for the U.S. Department of State in Austria, and now, working for a German medical device manufacturer in Charlotte. I would recommend that every Winthrop student take advantage of the excellent faculty and incredible opportunities this department offers.”
- Dr. Mark Evans '06

Scholarship Opportunities

John Guilbeau Scholarship - Rising junior or senior or beginning graduate student; proficiency in foreign language and interest in the humanities; financial need (open to language majors only).

Georgie Inabinet Adams Lefvendahl Endowed Scholarship – College of Arts & Sciences major with financial need and 3.0 or higher GPA.

Robert M. Ward Scholarship - College of Arts & Sciences major; at least 3.0 GPA.

Kate Wofford – College of Arts & Sciences major; may be divided. Known as “the scholar’s scholarship.”

For more information: www.winthrop.edu/cas/worldlanguages

Potential Careers

In World Languages

Business, Industry, and Commerce
Government, International Intelligence, and Law Enforcement
Teaching and Research
Interpreting and Translation
Media
Travel and Tourism Services



“I found myself spending time hanging around my professors of Spanish for guidance and inspiration. They truly helped me to become a better student, speaker of Spanish, and curious human being. I feel that I carry that inspiration with me still today.”

- Rodger Bishop, '15

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