

# Modern Languages & Literatures

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## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

**BA Modern Languages and Literatures**  
**French Minor**  
**German Minor**  
**Spanish Minor**

The Modern Languages and Literatures Department offers coursework in French, German, and Spanish, as well as elementary Italian, Japanese and Mandarin. Instruction at all levels emphasizes communicative competence to prepare students for cultural, educational, literary and professional needs in California, throughout the United States and abroad. Audiovisual components are used in the classroom as well as in the language laboratory.

Students who wish to enroll in Spanish courses for the first time at Cal Poly, numbered 101 through 124, must take the Spanish Placement Examination prior to enrolling. Students who have never studied Spanish are exempt. Students should contact the Modern Languages and Literatures Department for test dates. The department strongly encourages students to follow its placement formula: one year of high school French, German, Italian or Japanese is equivalent to one quarter at Cal Poly.

The department supports the concept of international education and encourages students to investigate all opportunities for overseas study. The department works closely with the CSU's International Programs to insure that all courses taken in an overseas experience count toward either major, support, minor, general education and/or free electives. The department also sponsors summer and single term (fall quarter) experiences abroad. Students interested in studying abroad should consult with the International Education and Programs Office and their assigned academic advisor.

The department is active in training students who wish to obtain a bilingual teaching credential. It administers the Bilingual Proficiency Examination in Spanish.

The department also supports such student clubs as C.U.L.T.U.R.E., the French Club, the German Club, the Circolo Italiano, the Latin American Studies Association,

MEXA (Movimiento Estudiantil Xicano de Aztlán), and Tomo Dachi Kai.

The PolyLingual International Resource Center (PIRC) is the department's state-of-the-art digital language laboratory and multimedia production facility. Students and faculty members use the Center for class activities and presentations, and for drop-in language practice and curriculum development. The PIRC also houses the College of Liberal Arts MultiMedia Center (CLAMM), where students and faculty may create a cadre of projects for professional and academic development.

The curriculum for the Bachelor of Arts degree provides strong preparation for a career in single-subject teaching, multiple-subject teaching, business, government, and international affairs; it also provides preparation for graduate study in business administration, Chicano/Latino studies, comparative literature, ethnic studies, languages, Latin American studies, and other fields in the humanities social sciences, and various service areas.

## FRENCH MINOR

Required courses	Units
FR 122 Intermediate French .....	4
FR 233 Critical Reading in French Literature (C1)	4
<sup>1</sup> FR 301 Adv. French Composition and Grammar <i>or</i>	
<sup>1</sup> FR 302 Adv. French Conversation/Grammar.....	4
<b>Electives to be chosen from the following:</b> .....	12
FR 301 Adv. French Composition/Grammar (4)	
FR 302 Adv. French Conversation/Grammar (4)	
FR 305 Significant Writers in French (4) (C4)	
(repeatable to 8 units)	
FR/FSN 322 French Food in French (4)	
FR 350 French Literature in English Translation	
(4) (C4)	
FR 470 Selected Advanced Topics (4)	
(repeatable to 8 units)	
HUM 310 Humanities in World Cultures	
(French) (4) (C4)*	

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<sup>1</sup> Not repeatable as elective units.

**GERMAN MINOR**

Required courses	Units
GER 122 Intermediate German .....	4
GER 233 Critical Reading-German Literature (C1)	4
<sup>1</sup> GER 301 Adv. German Composition/Grammar <i>or</i>	
<sup>1</sup> GER 302 Adv. German Conversation/Grammar	4
<b>Electives to be chosen from the following:</b> .....	12
GER 301 Adv. German Composition/Grammar (4)	
GER 302 Adv. German Conversation/Grammar (4)	
GER 305 Significant Writers in German (4) (C4) (repeatable to 8 units)	
GER 350 German Literature in English Translation (4) (C4)	
GER 470 Selected Advanced Topics (4) (repeatable to 8 units)	
HUM 310 Humanities in World Cultures (German) (4) (C4)	
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**SPANISH MINOR**

Required courses	Units
SPAN 122 Fundamentals of Spanish <i>or</i>	
SPAN 123 Spanish for Heritage Speakers .....	4
SPAN 124 Composition in Spanish .....	4
SPAN 233 Intro. to Hispanic Readings (C1).....	4
<b>Electives to be chosen from the following:</b> .....	12
SPAN 301 Advanced Composition in Spanish (4)	
SPAN 302 Advanced Conversation and Composition in Spanish (4)	
SPAN 305 Significant Writers in Spanish (4) (C4) (repeatable to 8 units)	
SPAN 340 Chicano/a Authors (4) (C4) (USCP)	
SPAN 350 Hispanic Literature in English Translation (4) (C4)	
SPAN 351 Latino(a) Literature in the U.S. (4) (C4) (USCP)	
SPAN 402 Advanced Linguistics in Spanish (4)	
SPAN 410 Advanced Literature in Spanish (4)	
SPAN 416 Don Quixote (4)	
SPAN 470 Selected Advanced Topics (4)	
HUM 310 Humanities in World Cultures (Spain, Mexico or Latin America) (4) (C4)	
HUM 312 Chicano/a Culture (4)	
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**BA MODERN LANGUAGES & LITERATURES**

- 60 units upper division       GWR
  - 2.0 GPA                               USCP
- \* = Satisfies General Education requirement

**MAJOR COURSES**

**Primary Language**

SPAN 121 Fundamentals of Spanish I.....	4
SPAN 122 Fundamentals of Spanish II <i>or</i>	
SPAN 123 Spanish for Heritage Speakers.....	4
SPAN 124 Composition in Spanish .....	4

SPAN 205 Introduction to Spanish Linguistics .....	4
SPAN 233 Intro. to Hispanic Readings (C1)*.....	4
SPAN 301 Advanced Composition in Spanish .....	4
SPAN 305 Significant Writers in Spanish .....	4
SPAN 402 Advanced Linguistics in Spanish .....	4
SPAN 410 Advanced Literature in Spanish .....	4
SPAN 416 Don Quixote.....	4
MLL 210 Intro. to Research Methods .....	4
MLL 460 Senior Project.....	4
Primary language/culture electives (300-400 level)	12
<b>Secondary Language Concentration</b>	
<i>Select secondary language in either French, German or other language as approved by Department Chair.</i>	
Introductory courses (101, 102, 103) .....	12
Intermediate courses (121, 122, 233).....	12
Advanced course (300-400 level).....	4
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**GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)**

72 units required; 4 units are in Major.  
 →See page 56 for complete GE course listing.  
 →Minimum of 12 units required at the 300-400 level.

**Area A Communication (12 units)**

A1 Expository Writing .....	4
A2 Oral Communication .....	4
A3 Reasoning, Argumentation, and Writing.....	4

**Area B Science and Mathematics (20 units)**

B1 Mathematics/Statistics .....	8
B2 Life Science .....	4
B3 Physical Science .....	4
B4 One lab taken with either a B2 or B3 course	
B5 elective	
Area B elective (select one course from B1-B5)...	4

**Area C Arts and Humanities (12 units)**

C1 Literature *4 units in Major.....	0
C2 Philosophy .....	4
C3 Fine/Performing Arts .....	4
C4 Upper-division elective (not in Spanish) .....	4

**Area D/E Society and the Individual (20 units)**

D1 The American Experience (40404) .....	4
D2 Political Economy .....	4
D3 Comparative Social Institutions .....	4
D4 Self Development (CSU Area E) .....	4
D5 Upper-division elective .....	4

**Area F Technology Elective (upper division) .....**

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<b><sup>2</sup> ELECTIVES .....</b>	<b>24</b>

(minimum 8 units must be 300-400 level)

**180**

<sup>1</sup> Not repeatable as elective units.

<sup>2</sup> If upper-division GE courses are used to satisfy Major or Support requirements, additional upper division coursework may be required to satisfy the University's 60-unit upper division requirement.