

# LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

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The Department of Languages and Literatures provides instruction in an array of languages and literatures at the basic and advanced levels. Programs are designed to immerse students in the speech and thought of other nations and in their cultural and literary heritages.

Our mission is to educate by developing and refining linguistic and intellectual abilities that permit our students to engage with us in advancing scholarly inquiry, in cultivating critical and creative thought and in generating knowledge that at once discovers, respects and transcends differences. New and exciting cultures “come to life” when we study another language and increased cultural awareness provides for enriched interpersonal exchanges and experiences. By learning to respect and appreciate different ethnic and cultural values, students gain a new perspective of their own cultures, understanding them in a whole new way. Learning a new language helps students build relationships with people all over the world, discover unique histories and traditions and experience international films, music and literature in the original language.

Major and minor programs are offered in French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish. Minors are available in Chinese and Japanese as well and, by tutorial arrangements, in Hebrew and Latin. Undergraduate offerings also include course work in Arabic and (tutorial) classical Greek. The overwhelming majority of our students take advantage of DU's unique Cherrington Global Scholars program to study abroad at universities in Europe and Latin America, East Asia and Africa. DU maintains bilateral exchange relationships with the University of Tübingen and the University of Bologna and also participates in the International Student Exchange Program that permits study at scores of universities worldwide.

Not only in classes taught by experienced, dedicated teacher-scholars who use innovative teaching techniques, but also outside the classroom, our undergraduates experience a strong sense of enthusiasm and community both among themselves and with their instructors. Senior faculty are involved at every level of instruction as well as in student advising and mentoring.

Alumni of the department have pursued diverse international careers immediately upon graduation or have undertaken post-graduate studies, often with fellowships (e.g., Fulbright, Guggenheim), in a variety of academic and professional fields. Among institutions to which they have recently gone are American University, George Washington University, Michigan State University, the University of New Mexico, the University of Pittsburgh, SUNY-Buffalo and the University of Colorado at Boulder; they have also gone overseas to attend the University of Oxford and to Germany with the US *Congress-Bundestag* Youth Exchange Program (CBYX). Others have gone on to earn advanced degrees in DU's own excellent graduate schools (business or law, international studies, social work and education). Opportunities for public sector, private sector and NGO careers on five continents are as boundless as an educated student linguist's ambitions.

## Chinese

### Minor Requirements

A minimum of 24 credits of approved courses above CHIN 2001. Four credits must be CHIN 3300 or above, or equivalent from study in China. CHIN 1516 Contemporary China in Literature and Films, which partially fulfills the Analytical Inquiry: Society and Culture requirement, can be used for credit toward the minor. Students who study abroad in China are strongly encouraged to enroll in a Chinese course (CHIN 3300 or above) upon their return.

## French and Francophone Studies

### Bachelor of Arts Major Requirements

(183 credits required for the degree (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/bachelorofarts>))

44 credits of approved courses beyond FREN 1003.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
FREN 2400	Conversation et composition	4
<b>8 credits of Topics Courses</b>		
FREN 2500	Qu'est-ce que la littérature?	8
FREN 2501	La Nature et les animaux	
FREN 2503	La Satire	
FREN 2701	Sujets spéciaux	
<b>4 credits of Advanced Grammar</b>		
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FREN 3110 or FREN 3150	La Grammaire à l'oeuvre L'Art de la traduction: français-anglais et vice versa	
<b>8 credits of Advanced Seminar</b> <sup>1</sup>		8
Two courses of FREN 3500 or higher.		
<b>Electives</b>		20
20 credits of FREN coursework at FREN 2001 or higher.		
Total Credits		44

1: Advanced Seminars in the French department are courses FREN 3500 - FREN 3900. These are not ASEM courses.

## Secondary Major Requirements

44 credits. Same requirements as for BA degree.

## Minor Requirements

A minimum of 24 credits of approved courses beyond FREN 1003.

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<b>Required courses</b>		
FREN 2400	Conversation et composition	4
<b>8 credits of Topics Courses</b>		8
FREN 2500	Qu'est-ce que la littérature?	
FREN 2501	La Nature et les animaux	
FREN 2503	La Satire	
FREN 2701	Sujets spéciaux	
<b>4 credits of Advanced Seminar</b>		4
One course of FREN 3500 or higher. <sup>1</sup>		
<b>Electives</b>		8
8 credits of FREN coursework at FREN 2001 or higher.		
Total Credits		24

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## German

### Bachelor of Arts Major Requirements

(183 credits required for the degree (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/bachelorofarts>))

44 credits of approved courses beyond GERM 1003.

Four of these 44 credits must be from GERM 1416. No fewer than eight of these 44 credits must be from 3000-level courses. Students may count one additional course in English on German culture, history or literature toward the major. Students majoring in German are encouraged to study abroad in Germany. Majors who choose to study abroad in Germany are strongly encouraged to enroll in a German course upon their return.

### Secondary Major Requirements

44 credits. Same requirements as for BA degree.

### Minor Requirements

A minimum of 24 credits of approved courses beyond GERM 1003. Four of these 24 credits must be from GERM 1416. Students who minor in German are encouraged to study abroad in Germany. Minors who choose to study abroad in Germany are strongly encouraged to enroll in a German course upon their return.

## Hebrew

### Minor Requirements

A minimum of 20 credits of study beyond HEBR 1003.

## Italian

### Bachelor of Arts Major Requirements

(183 credits required for the degree (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/bachelorofarts>))

44 credits of approved courses beyond ITAL 1003.

Four of these 44 credits must be from ITAL 2500 or ITAL 3010. No fewer than eight of these 44 credits must be from 3000-level Italian topics courses. Students may count one course taught in English on Italian culture, history or literature toward the major. Students who major in Italian are encouraged to study abroad in Italy. Credits earned from classes in Italy that have been approved by the faculty are counted as DU credits toward an Italian major. Majors who choose to study abroad in Italy are strongly encouraged to enroll in an Italian course upon their return.

### Secondary Major Requirements

44 credits. Same requirements as for BA degree.

### Minor Requirements

A minimum of 24 credits of approved courses beyond ITAL 1003. No fewer than four of these 24 credits must be from a course in Italian at the 3000 level. Students may count one course taught in English on Italian culture, history or literature toward the minor. Students who minor in Italian are encouraged to study abroad in Italy. Credits earned from classes in Italy that have been approved by the faculty are counted as DU credits toward the Italian minor. Minors who choose to study abroad in Italy are strongly encouraged to enroll in an Italian course upon their return.

## Japanese

### Minor Requirements

A minimum of 24 credits of approved courses. 20 credits must be language classes beyond JAPN 2001. One course must be JAPN 1416 Postwar Japan: Changing Perspectives in Literature and Culture.

## Latin

### Minor Requirements

A minimum of 20 credits of study beyond LATN 1003.

## Russian

### Bachelor of Arts Major Requirements

(183 credits required for the degree (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/bachelorofarts>))

44 credits of approved courses beyond RUSS 1003.

Requirements include two 3000-level courses and RUSS 3101; students are encouraged to take either RUSS 1416 or RUSS 2416 for credit in the major. Study abroad in Russia through the Cherrington Global Scholars Program and a service learning/internship in Denver's Russian-speaking community, though not required, are strongly encouraged. The number of credits earned through these experiences is established by agreement with faculty in Russian and is subject to institutional requirements.

### Secondary Major Requirements

44 credits. Same requirements as for BA degree.

### Minor Requirements

A minimum of 24 credits of approved courses beyond RUSS 1003, including one 3000-level course; students are encouraged to take either RUSS 1416 or RUSS 2416 for credit in the minor. Study abroad in Russia through the Cherrington Global Scholars Program and a service learning/internship in Denver's Russian-speaking community, though not required, are strongly encouraged. The number of credits earned through these experiences is established by agreement with faculty and is subject to institutional requirements.

## Spanish

### Bachelor of Arts Major Requirements

(183 credits required for the degree (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/bachelorofarts>))

44 credits of approved courses above the level of SPAN 2001.

Required courses include SPAN 2100, SPAN 2300, SPAN 2350, and SPAN 3990. SPAN 3990 must be taken at DU and a student must have senior standing and have taken a minimum of 12 credits at the 3000 level prior to enrolling in this course.

## **Secondary Major Requirements**

44 credits. Same requirements as for BA degree.

## **Minor Requirements**

A minimum of 24 credits of courses above the level of SPAN 2001 including SPAN 2100, SPAN 2300, SPAN 2350. A minimum of four credits must be at the 3000 level.

## **Requirements for Distinction in the Major in French and FrancoPhone Studies**

- Minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA
- Minimum 3.6 major GPA
- Completion of a thesis written in French

## **Requirements for Distinction in the Major in German**

- Minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA
- Minimum 3.6 major GPA
- Completion of a thesis

## **Requirements for Distinction in the Major in Italian**

- Minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA
- Minimum 3.5 major GPA
- Completion of a thesis

## **Requirements for Distinction in the Major in Russian**

- Minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA
- Minimum 3.7 major GPA
- Completion of a thesis written in Russian

## **Requirements for Distinction in the Major in Spanish**

- Minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA
- Minimum 3.6 major GPA
- Completion of a thesis