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Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures & Cultures

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Mission Statement
The Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures & Cultures

- Is a central site on campus for the implementation of James Madison University’s (JMU’s) internationalization efforts
- Embodies cultural diversity
- Offers students and the community a broad range of educational courses and programs that help develop
  - foreign language competence
  - a global perspective
  - an understanding of foreign cultures both ancient and modern
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- Ensures that all graduates with a B.A. have sufficient knowledge of and fluency in a modern foreign language to
  - prepare them for professional, language-related careers
  - teach understanding and appreciation of foreign cultures
  - provide opportunities for language and cultural study abroad

- It helps to fulfill the language requirement of IBUS and Int'l Affairs majors

- Plays an important role in the university interdisciplinary minors, including
  - Africana Studies
  - Asian Studies
  - Classical Studies
  - Latin American and Caribbean Studies
  - Medieval and Renaissance Studies
  - Middle Eastern Communities and Migrations
  - Modern European Studies
  - Russian Studies

MISSION STATEMENT

Choices
Academic Offerings
### We offer courses in 14 languages

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*Offered by George Mason via Telepresence

*Offered for ROTC Students
We offer four years of instruction in

- Arabic
- French
- German
- Italian
- Spanish

From these five languages, you can complete a **major** with 33 credits and a **minor** with 18 credits.
• You can take courses in 7 other languages up to the second semester of the intermediate level (232)

• You can also take Chinese and Russian up to the 3rd year level/minor.

• Many of the foreign language instructors in the FLLC Department are native speakers: at least 77%
We encourage students to get creative with their degrees

- For example
  - Double major in History and Italian
  - Major in Philosophy and Religion with a minor in French
  - Major in Health Science and double major in Spanish and French

If you only major in a language, you need to take a second language up to the intermediate level (232) unless you double major or minor in Education
So, you may be asking yourself, “Can my son or daughter complete this in four years?”

YES!

How?

- Good planning with advisors
- Taking advantage of our summer course offerings and studies abroad programs
Placement
• Are there any required courses for majors and minors?
  – Yes. Before starting a major, there are four preliminary language levels to cover
    • Elementary I & II
    • Intermediate I & II

• Can students place out of these classes?
  – Yes. Students can fully or partially place out of the preliminary levels with the
    • FLPE, SAT II, or AP
Please see the handout for more details about placement
Special Programs
Have you considered Teaching a Foreign Language?
• Pre-K-12 grade Teaching Licensure available in French, German, Italian, and Spanish in 4 years
• Bachelor’s Degree in the Foreign Language with concentration in Education
• Degree require 41 general education credits, 36 foreign language credits and 36 credits hours of classes toward licensure, 15 of which are field experience plus semester-long study abroad
• We offer other special programs to our students
• The programs provide students with professional courses in foreign language and professional minors

- Business French
- Business German
- Business Italian
- Translation/Interpretation (Spanish)
- Business Spanish
- Medical Spanish
- Legal Spanish
Spanish Major

- **SPAN 300.** Grammar and Communication 1 3
- **SPAN 307.** Spanish Civilization 3
- **SPAN 308.** Latin American Civilization 3
- **SPAN 320.** Oral and Written Communication 3
- **SPAN 335.** Introduction to Spanish Literature 3
- Three SPAN literature courses 9
- Three other 300- or 400-level SPAN courses 9
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Business Spanish Minor

- **SPAN 300.** Grammar and Communication 3
- **SPAN 307.** Spanish Civilization 3
- or **SPAN 308.** Latin American Civilization 3
- **SPAN 320.** Oral and Written Communication 3
- **SPAN 330.** Business Spanish 3
- **SPAN/TR 435.** Translation Strategies 3
- **SPAN 375.** Business and Society in Latin America 3
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# Medical Spanish Minor

- **SPAN 300.** Grammar and Communication 3
- **SPAN 320.** Oral and Written Communication 3
- **SPAN 365.** Medical Spanish 3
- **SPAN 475.** Advanced Medical Spanish 3
- **SPAN 476.** Culture and Medicine in Spain and Latin America 3
- **SPAN/TR 435.** Translation Strategies 3

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# Legal Spanish Minor

- **SPAN 300.** Grammar and Communication 3
- **SPAN 307.** Spanish Civilization 3
  - or **SPAN 308.** Latin American Civilization 3
- **SPAN 320.** Oral and Written Communication 3
- **SPAN 370.** Legal Spanish 3
- **SPAN/TR 435.** Translation Strategies 3
- One 300 or 400-level SPAN course 3

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# Spanish-English Translation and Interpretation Minor

- **SPAN 300.** Grammar and Communication 3
- **SPAN 311.** Contrastive Linguistics 3
- **SPAN 312.** Translation Competencies 3
- **SPAN 320.** Oral and Written Communication 3
- **SPAN/TR 435.** Translation Strategies 3
- **SPAN/TR 436.** Introduction to Interpretation 3

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• If you are interested in completing a Professional Spanish minor, a practicum is required
  – Harrisonburg is home to a large Hispanic population
  – Students conduct their practicum projects
    • In the free clinic of a local hospital
    • In the local police station
    • In a legal office
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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Locations and Impact

1. JMU faculty teach children Arabic in after-school programs.
2. The community gains highly qualified people for jobs, thanks to a network formed by JMU faculty to provide assistance to refugees by helping professionals find work in their field.
3. JMU students work as medical interpreters in the community.
4. Through JMU’s MEDLIFE Chapter, students and faculty work to provide quality medical care to low-income communities in Latin America. Their fundraising event at JMU’s Student Center generated funds for emergency relief for communities in Peru affected by floods.
5. For almost a decade, JMU faculty have supported the annual weekend Interfaith Peace Walk, introducing children ages 6-12 to different faiths. Kids from Jewish, Muslim, and Christian backgrounds share their religion and heritage and build a sense of community.
6. ACTS has worked hard to build understanding and forge new relationships as JMU students and the youth group of the Israel Association came together for activities, sports, and fun.
7. JMU faculty teach high-school students—mainly non-native speakers—as well as heritage students—the Arabic language and culture.
8. JMU students trained in translation interpret at parent-teacher conferences and local clinics, and assist in the preparation of a volunteer accounting clinic.
9. Volunteering with the Global Generation, JMU students have the chance to help Spanish-speaking children become more proficient in English while encouraging them to stay bilingual, graduate from high school and pursue higher education.
10. The Madison Hispanic Faculty Committee oversees projects for Latinx issues in higher education. Faculty members mentor students from JMU’s Latinx Student Alliance and facilitate the campus on issues related to Latin American or Latinx.
11. Cultural Connexion, an annual two-day event coordinated by JMU faculty members, brings the K-12 education community to Madison’s campus to focus on pertinent region.
12. In honor of the collaboration with JMU and the local K-12 education community, Vets Memoria City Public Schools provide Dual Language Immersion programs. Academic subjects are taught in both English and Spanish through this school day, allowing students to master their first language while gaining a second language. JMU faculty, alumni, and students play a significant role in the success of these programs.
Language Resource Center
The Language Resource Center includes two labs dedicated to promoting the study of foreign languages.

- One 15-computer lab with projector for classes and movie showings
- One 12-computer lab with a study lounge for individual or small group work.
The Language Resource Center houses a collection of materials to support foreign language study.

- Textbooks, Audio, and Other Supporting Materials for courses
- A Collection Dictionaries and Grammar Reference Books
- Over 1500 Foreign Language Films and Learning Videos
- Foreign Language Board and Card Games
Clubs & Organizations
• Le Cercle Francophone
• German Club
• Delta Phi Alpha (German Honor Society)
• Italian Club
• Russian Club
• Spanish Club
• Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish Honor Society)
Several clubs and organizations meet weekly at “language roundtables”

- For example

  - Italian Club members meet on campus once a week to speak Italian with each other for one hour
  - These activities build conversational skills and enhance students’ foreign language coursework
Career Outlook
What about careers?
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- Airport Customer Service Agent
- Border Patrol Agent
- Broadcaster
- Community Services Director
- Consultant
- Court Interpreter
- Cultural Affairs Director
- Customs Agent
- Editorial Assistant
- Entertainment Coordinator

- ESL Teacher
- Export Purchasing Agent
- Flight Attendant
- Foreign Film Dubber
- Foreign Language Educator
- Foreign News Correspondent
- Foreign Service Officer
- Foreign Student Advisor
- Human Resource Assistant
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- Immigration Officer
- Import/Export Specialist
- Intelligence Officer – FBI / CIA / NSA
- International Communications Specialist
- International Conference Planner
- Interpreter/Technical Translator
- Journalist
- Linguist
- Lobbyist
- Museum Assistant
- Peace Corps Worker

- Public Relations Specialist
- Research Assistant
- Social Worker
- Special Events Coordinator
- Studies Abroad Coordinator
- Technical Writer
- Tour/Travel Guide
- Tourism Director
- Travel Agent
Who has hired our graduates?
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- Airports / Airlines
- Colleges / Universities
- Convention Centers
- Courts, Cruise Lines
- Customs Services – Gov
- Department of State – Gov
- Film Companies
- Financial Institutions
- Foreign News Agencies
- Immigration and Naturalization Service – Gov
- Import / Export Companies
- Intelligences Agencies – Gov
- International Services Organizations

CAREER OUTLOOK

- Museums
- Overseas Aid Agencies
- Public / Private Schools
- Public Relations Firms
- Publishers
- Radio Stations
- Religious Service Organizations
- Resorts
- Tour and Excursion Companies
- Tourism Agencies
- Travel Agencies
- TV Networks
- “Voice of America”
• Please visit the Career and Academic Planning website to get more information about career outlook for JMU Foreign Language majors:

  ➢ Career Guide for JMU Foreign Language Majors
  https://www.jmu.edu/cap/careerguide/fl.shtml
Study Abroad
What can you tell me about the study abroad program at JMU?

- We work alongside the Center for Global Engagement (CGE) to provide
  - Spring, summer, or fall semester programs
  - Short-term programs

- We offer programs during the spring, summer, and fall semesters:
  - Salamanca, Spain
  - Florence, Italy
• What if JMU does not offer a location where I want to study abroad?
  
  – JMU is part of a consortium of universities that have studies abroad
  
  – If we do not offer the program, another university may, and CGE will help students find that program
Please visit the Center for Global Engagement online

https://www.jmu.edu/global/
Resources
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• For more information please visit us online:
  – JMU Catalog (2019-2019)
    http://www.jmu.edu/catalog/
  – Department Website
    http://www.jmu.edu/forlang/
  – Career and Academic Planning: Foreign Languages
    https://www.jmu.edu/cap/careerguide/fl.shtml
Questions?
This PowerPoint will be on the Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Department website for 2 weeks: http://www.jmu.edu/forlang/