World Languages and Cultures

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The World Languages and Cultures department offers the following degree programs:

- Foreign Languages, BA (http://catalog.uah.edu/archive/2015-2016/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/foreign-languages-literatures/foreign-languages-ba)
- Foreign Languages, BA - Foreign Language and International Trade Concentration (http://catalog.uah.edu/archive/2015-2016/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/foreign-languages-literatures/foreign-languages-ba-foreign-language-international-trade-concentration)

Introduction

The acquisition of a second language, and through it an understanding of another country's culture, is a rich academic experience for all students, not only in the arts, humanities, and social sciences, but also in business, education, nursing, the natural sciences, and engineering. Knowing how to communicate effectively in another language significantly enhances one's career opportunities and contributions as a citizen. This page provides an overview of the academic offerings of the Department of World Languages and Cultures.

Mission Statement

The Department of World Languages and Cultures is dedicated to teaching students the language skills and cultural knowledge necessary for succeeding in today's multilingual world of cultural diversity, global markets, political interdependence, and international scientific and cultural collaboration. Within the B.A. in Foreign Languages, students may choose French, German, Russian, or Spanish as a focus language, and may also concentrate in Foreign Language and International Trade. Minors and foreign language teacher certification are also offered, while Arabic, Japanese, and Latin can be taken at the introductory and intermediate levels. Language clubs and extracurricular activities contribute to a rich campus life. Domestic and international internships give students a professional experience that greatly enhances their career opportunities after graduation.

The Department offers an integrated curriculum comprising the teaching of linguistic proficiency and the promotion of a critical awareness of other cultures. In these efforts, the Department is aided by its state-of-the-art digital Multimedia Center. Committed to the integrated triad of teaching, research, and service in the areas of world languages, literatures and other cultural media, such as film, in their historical, social, and interdisciplinary contexts, the Department promotes academic pluralism by fostering a variety of interpretive and pedagogical approaches.

By virtue of its commitment to the highest standards in teaching, research, and service, the Department of World Languages and Cultures aims to uphold and further strengthen the national and international standing of UAH.

Languages Offered

Arabic, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish

The Department of World Languages and Cultures offers the B.A. in Foreign Languages. A student may choose a focus language of French, German, Russian, or Spanish, and may also concentrate in Foreign Language and International Trade (in cooperation with the College of Business). Arabic, Japanese, Greek, and Latin cannot be taken as majors or minors, but can be taken to satisfy the language requirement or as electives.

General Education Requirements and Placement Procedures

Three semester hours of credit in one foreign language are required for the B.A., unless the student can demonstrate a competence at a level more advanced than the beginning 101 course. The introductory sequence begins in the fall and continues in the spring semester so that students can complete the 6 semester hour general education requirements in one academic year. Native and quasi-native speakers of foreign language may not take introductory and intermediate courses, nor the first advanced conversation course in that language. Students in this category must make an appointment with the appropriate language coordinator to take a departmental placement examination. They must still take a minimum of three additional semester hours of course work to complete General Education Requirements.

Placement Procedures

Students with prior world language experience and heritage speakers may be placed into a higher course by taking the standardized Web Cape International Foreign Language Placement Exam, or the CLEP or AP exams. Students must still take a minimum of three (3) additional semester hours of course work in the language to complete General Education Requirements. Native speakers of a world language may not take introductory and intermediate courses.

If students wish to major or minor in French, German, Russian, or Spanish, they may take the placement exams to test out of a maximum of twelve (12) hours of course work (WLC 101, 102, 201, 202).
After taking the Web Cape test, students majoring or minoring in a world language will be placed in an appropriate higher language course. They receive credit hours, without grade/quality points, for the two (2) highest elementary/intermediate language courses as is appropriate. If students test out of more than 6 hours, the remaining courses will be waived.

All students, irrespective of language background and placement, must take all remaining upper-level coursework to complete the major or minor.

**High School Experience**

Students who studied a world language in high school will be placed according to the following scale:

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<th>Placement Level</th>
<th>Language in High School</th>
<th>Courses to Be Taken to Satisfy Requirements</th>
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<tr>
<td>1st level (101)</td>
<td>0-2 units(^1)</td>
<td>101, 102 (3 semester hours each)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2nd level (201)</td>
<td>3-4 units</td>
<td>201, 202 (3 semester hours each)</td>
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\(^1\) Minimum grade of C required for a unit to be counted.

If an interval of two years or more occurs between study of a language in high school and continuation of that language in college, placement levels may be adjusted downward to entry level.

**Advanced Placement Examination**

The Department will award credit to students who have earned a score of three or higher on Advanced Placement (AP) Program examinations of the College Entrance Examination Board according to the following scale:

- Score of 3: 6 semester hours credit (i.e. through 102, 3 semester hours each course)
- Score of 4: 12 semester hours credit (through 202)
- Score of 5: 15 semester hours credit (through 301)

The credit thus awarded will be recorded without grades or quality points and will not therefore, be included in the calculation of the grade point average. Moreover, regardless of the student’s AP score, he or she will be required to complete successfully one additional course (3 semester hours) of the appropriate language.

**Majors in World Languages and Cultures**

- Foreign Languages, BA (http://catalog.uah.edu/archive/2015-2016/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/foreign-languages-literatures/foreign-languages-ba)
- Foreign Languages, BA - Foreign Language and International Trade Concentration (http://catalog.uah.edu/archive/2015-2016/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/foreign-languages-literatures/foreign-languages-ba-foreign-language-international-trade-concentration)

**Minors in Foreign Languages and Literatures**


**Certificate in Foreign Language and Global Engagement**


**FL 101A - INTRO FOREIGN LANG I: ARABIC**

Semester Hours: 3

Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in target language. No prerequisites. Offered Fall.

**FL 101C - INTRO FOREIGN LANG I: CHINESE**

Semester Hours: 5

Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in target language. No prerequisites. Offered Fall.

**FL 101F - INTRO FOREIGN LANG I: FRENCH**

Semester Hours: 3

Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in target language. No prerequisites. Offered Fall.
FL 101G - INTRO FOREIGN LANG I: GERMAN
Semester Hours: 3
Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in target language. No prerequisites. Offered Fall.

FL 101J - INTRO FOREIGN LANG I: JAPANESE
Semester Hours: 3
Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in target language. No prerequisites. Offered Fall.

FL 101K - INTRO FOREIGN LANG I: GREEK
Semester Hours: 5

FL 101N - INTRO FOREIGN LANG I: LATIN
Semester Hours: 3
Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in target language. No prerequisites. Offered Fall.

FL 101R - INTRO FOREIGN LANG I: RUSSIAN
Semester Hours: 3
Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in target language. No prerequisites. Offered Fall.

FL 101S - INTRO FOREIGN LANG I: SPANISH
Semester Hours: 3
Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in target language. No prerequisites. Offered Fall.

FL 102A - INTRO FOREIGN LANG II: ARABIC
Semester Hours: 3
Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: FL 101 or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

FL 102C - INTRO FOREIGN LANG II: CHINESE
Semester Hours: 5
Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: FL 101 or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

FL 102F - INTRO FOREIGN LANG II: FRENCH
Semester Hours: 3
Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: FL 101 or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

FL 102G - INTRO FOREIGN LANG II: GERMAN
Semester Hours: 3
Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: FL 101 or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

FL 102J - INTRO FOREIGN LANG II: JAPANESE
Semester Hours: 3
Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: FL 101 or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

FL 102K - INTRO FOREIGN LANG II: GREEK
Semester Hours: 5

FL 102N - INTRO FOREIGN LANG II: LATIN
Semester Hours: 3
Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: FL 101 or placement by exam. Offered Spring.
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FL 102R - INTRO FOREIGN LANG II: RUSSIAN  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: FL 101 or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

FL 102S - INTRO FOREIGN LANG II: SPANISH  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: FL 101 or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

FL 199F - SPECIAL TOPICS  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Study of special topics in foreign language, literature, or culture on campus or abroad. Prerequisites: Placement by exam.

FL 199G - SPECIAL TOPICS  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Study of special topics in foreign language, literature, or culture on campus or abroad. Prerequisites: Placement by exam.

FL 199R - SPECIAL TOPICS  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Study of special topics in foreign language, literature, or culture on campus or abroad. Prerequisites: Placement by exam.

FL 199S - SPECIAL TOPICS  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Study of special topics in foreign language, literature, or culture on campus or abroad. Prerequisites: Placement by exam.

FL 201A - INTERM FOREIGN LANG I: ARABIC  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches intermediate listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 102 or placement by exam. Offered Fall.

FL 201F - INTERM FOREIGN LANG: FRENCH  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches intermediate listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 102 or placement by exam. Offered Fall.

FL 201G - INTERM FOREIGN LANG: GERMAN  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches intermediate listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 102 or placement by exam. Offered Fall.

FL 201J - INTERM FOREIGN LANG: JAPANESE  
Semester Hours: 3  
FL 201N - INTERM FOREIGN LANG: LATIN  
Semester Hours: 3  
FL 201R - INTERM FOREIGN LANG: RUSSIAN  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches intermediate listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 102 or placement by exam. Offered Fall.
FL 201S - INTERM FOREIGN LANG:SPANISH  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches intermediate listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 102 or placement by exam. Offered Fall.

FL 202A - INTERM FOREIGN LANG II: ARABIC  
Semester Hours: 3

FL 202F - INTERM FOREIGN LANG II:FRENCH  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: FL 201 or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

FL 202G - INTERM FOREIGN LANG II:GERMAN  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: FL 201 or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

FL 202J - INTERM FOREIGN LANG II:JAPANESE  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: FL 201 or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

FL 202N - INTERM FOREIGN LANG II:LATIN  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: FL 201 or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

FL 202R - INTERM FOREIGN LANG II:RUSSIAN  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: FL 201 or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

FL 202S - INTERM FOREIGN LANG II:SPANISH  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish. Teaches listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: FL 201 or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

FL 204 - INTERNATIONAL CINEMA  
Semester Hours: 3  
Analyzes foreign language films centered on changing themes, such as gender issues, family, religion, children and society, the arts. Conducted in English. No prerequisite. Offered Spring.

FL 301F - CONVERSATION:FRENCH  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Teaches conversational communication through cultural texts and media. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 202 or placement by exam. Offered Spring or on demand.

FL 301G - CONVERSATION:GERMAN  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Teaches conversational communication through cultural texts and media. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 202 or placement by exam. Offered Spring or on demand.

FL 301J - CONVERSATION:JAPANESE  
Semester Hours: 3

FL 301R - CONVERSATION:RUSSIAN  
Semester Hours: 3  
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Teaches conversational communication through cultural texts and media. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 202 or placement by exam. Offered Spring or on demand.
FL 301S - CONVERSATION:SPANISH
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Teaches conversational communication through cultural texts and media. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 202 or placement by exam. Offered Spring or on demand.

FL 302F - COMPOSITION:FRENCH
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Teaches writing skills through cultural texts and media. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 202 or placement by exam. Offered Fall or on demand.

FL 302G - COMPOSITION:GERMAN
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Teaches writing skills through cultural texts and media. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 202 or placement by exam. Offered Fall or on demand.

FL 302R - COMPOSITION:RUSSIAN
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Teaches writing skills through cultural texts and media. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 202 or placement by exam. Offered Fall or on demand.

FL 302S - COMPOSITION:SPANISH
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Teaches writing skills through cultural texts and media. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 202 or placement by exam. Offered Fall or on demand.

FL 303F - FOREIGN LANG LIFE & PROF:FRENCH
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Teaches foreign language skills for careers in business, technology, politics, etc. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 202 or by placement. Offered Spring or on demand.

FL 303G - FOREIGN LANG LIFE & PROF:GERMAN
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Teaches foreign language skills for careers in business, technology, politics, etc. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 202 or by placement. Offered Spring or on demand.

FL 303R - FOREIGN LANG LIFE & PROF:RUSSIAN
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Teaches foreign language skills for careers in business, technology, politics, etc. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 202 or by placement. Offered Spring or on demand.

FL 303S - FOREIGN LANG LIFE & PROF:SPANISH
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Teaches foreign language skills for careers in business, technology, politics, etc. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 202 or by placement. Offered Spring or on demand.

FL 304F - CULTURE:FRENCH
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Teaches the arts, histories, social customs, and values of the target culture. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: FL 301 or FL 302. Offered Fall or on Demand.

FL 304G - CULTURE:GERMAN
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Teaches the arts, histories, social customs, and values of the target culture. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: FL 301 or FL 302. Offered Fall or on Demand.

FL 304R - CULTURE:RUSSIAN
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Teaches the arts, histories, social customs, and values of the target culture. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: FL 301 or FL 302. Offered Fall or on Demand.
FL 304S - CULTURE:SPANISH
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Teaches the arts, histories, social customs, and values of the target culture. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: FL 301 or FL 302. Offered Fall or on Demand.

FL 305F - INTRO TO LITERATURE:FRENCH
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Introduces the literature of the target language in cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 301 or FL 302. Offered Spring or on demand.

FL 305G - INTRO TO LITERATURE:GERMAN
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Introduces the literature of the target language in cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 301 or FL 302. Offered Spring or on demand.

FL 305N - INTRO TO LITERATURE:LATIN
FL 305R - INTRO TO LITERATURE:RUSSIAN
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Introduces the literature of the target language in cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: FL 301 or FL 302. Offered Spring or on demand.

FL 404F - TEXTS & CONTEXTS:SEM LIT:FRENCH
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. In-depth study of authors, genres, or movements in cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. May be repeated when taught with a different topic. Prerequisite: FL 301 or FL 302. Offered Fall or on demand.

FL 404G - TEXTS & CONTEXTS:SEM LIT/GERMAN
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. In-depth study of authors, genres, or movements in cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. May be repeated when taught with a different topic. Prerequisite: FL 301 or FL 302. Offered Fall or on demand.

FL 404R - TEXTS & CONTEXTS:SEM LIT:RUSSI
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. In-depth study of authors, genres, or movements in cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. May be repeated when taught with a different topic. Prerequisite: FL 301 or FL 302. Offered Fall or on demand.

FL 404S - TEXTS & CONTEXTS:SEM LIT:SPANI
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. In-depth study of authors, genres, or movements in cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. May be repeated when taught with a different topic. Prerequisite: FL 301 or FL 302. Offered Fall or on demand.

FL 410 - INT'L INTERN:COMP LANG/CULT
Semester Hours: 3-6
Capstone for majors, offering practical experience in commercial or public organizations domestically or abroad. Conducted in English. Prerequisite: FL 303. Offered Spring, Summer, and Fall.

FL 499F - INDEPENDENT STUDY:FRENCH
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Independent study and/or study abroad. Prerequisite: FL 202.

FL 499G - INDEPENDENT STUDY:GERMAN
Semester Hours: 3
Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Independent study and/or study abroad. Prerequisite: FL 202.
FL 499N - INDEPENDENT STUDY: LATIN  
Semester Hours: 3

FL 499R - INDEPENDENT STUDY: RUSSIAN  
Semester Hours: 3

Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Independent study and/or study abroad. Prerequisite: FL 202.

FL 499S - INDEPENDENT STUDY: SPANISH  
Semester Hours: 1-3

Available in French, German, Russian, Spanish. Independent study and/or study abroad. Prerequisite: FL 202.