World Languages and Cultures

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


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 arts 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>
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<td>1st level (101)</td>
<td>0-2 units (^1)</td>
<td>101, 102 (3 semester hours each)</td>
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<td>2nd level (201)</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 [Link](http://catalog.uah.edu/archive/2016-2017/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/foreign-languages-literatures/foreign-languages-ba)

**Minors in Foreign Languages and Literatures**


**Certificate in Foreign Language and Global Engagement**


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

Semester Hours: 3

Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. No prerequisites. Offered Fall.

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

Semester Hours: 5

Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. No prerequisites. Offered Fall.

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

Semester Hours: 3

Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. No prerequisites. Offered Fall.

**WLC 101G - INTRO FOREIGN LANG I: GERMAN**

Semester Hours: 3

Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. No prerequisites. Offered Fall.
WLC 101J - INTRO FOREIGN LANG I: JAPANESE
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. No prerequisites. Offered Fall.

WLC 101N - INTRO FOREIGN LANG I: LATIN
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. No prerequisites. Offered Fall.

WLC 101R - INTRO FOREIGN LANG I: RUSSIAN
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. No prerequisites. Offered Fall.

WLC 101S - INTRO FOREIGN LANG I: SPANISH
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. No prerequisites. Offered Fall.

WLC 102A - INTRO FOREIGN LANG II: ARABIC
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: WLC 101A or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

WLC 102C - INTRO FOREIGN LANG II: CHINESE
Semester Hours: 5
Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: WLC 101C or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

WLC 102F - INTRO FOREIGN LANG II: FRENCH
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: WLC 101F or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

WLC 102G - INTRO FOREIGN LANG II: GERMAN
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: WLC 101G or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

WLC 102J - INTRO FOREIGN LANG II: JAPANESE
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: WLC 101J or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

WLC 102N - INTRO FOREIGN LANG II: LATIN
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: WLC 101N or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

WLC 102R - INTRO FOREIGN LANG II: RUSSIAN
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: WLC 101R or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

WLC 102S - INTRO FOREIGN LANG II: SPANISH
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches beginning listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: WLC 101S or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

WLC 199A - SPECIAL TOPICS
Semester Hours: 3
Study of special topics in world languages, literature, or culture on campus or abroad. Prerequisites: Placement by exam.
WLC 199C - SPECIAL TOPICS
Semester Hours: 3
Study of special topics in world languages, literature or culture on campus or abroad. Prerequisite: placement by exam.

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

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

WLC 199J - SPECIAL TOPICS
Semester Hours: 3
Study of special topics in world languages, literature, or culture on campus or abroad. Prerequisites: Placement by exam.

WLC 199N - SPECIAL TOPICS
Semester Hours: 3
Study of special topics in world languages, literature, or culture on campus or abroad. Prerequisites: Placement by exam.

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

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

WLC 201A - INTERM FOREIGN LANG: ARABIC
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches intermediate listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: WLC 102A or placement by exam. Offered Fall.

WLC 201F - INTERM FOREIGN LANG:FRENCH
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches intermediate listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: WLC 102F or placement by exam. Offered Fall.

WLC 201G - INTERM FOREIGN LANG: GERMAN
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches intermediate listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: WLC 102G or placement by exam. Offered Fall.

WLC 201J - INTERM FOREIGN LANG: JAPANESE
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches intermediate listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: WLC 102 or placement by exam. Offered Fall.

WLC 201N - INTERM FOREIGN LANG: LATIN
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches intermediate listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: WLC 102N or placement by exam. Offered Fall.

WLC 201R - INTERM FOREIGN LANG: RUSSIAN
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches intermediate listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: WLC 102R or placement by exam. Offered Fall.
WLC 201S - INTERM FOREIGN LANG:SPANISH  
Semester Hours: 3  
Teaches intermediate listening, speaking, reading, and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: WLC 102S or placement by exam. Offered Fall.

WLC 202A - INTERM FOREIGN LANG II: ARABIC  
Semester Hours: 3  
Teaches listening, speaking, reading and writing within cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: WLC 201A or placement by exam. Offered Spring.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WLC 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.

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

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

WLC 301J - CONVERSATION: JAPANESE  
Semester Hours: 3  
Teaches conversational communication through cultural texts and media. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: WLC 202J or placement by exam. Offered Fall or on demand.
WLC 301N - CONVERSATION: LATIN
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches conversational communication through cultural texts and media. Conducted in target language. Prerequisite: WLC 202N or placement by exam. Offered Spring or on demand.

WLC 301R - CONVERSATION: RUSSIAN
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches conversational communication through cultural texts and media. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: WLC 202R or placement by exam. Offered Spring or on demand.

WLC 301S - CONVERSATION: SPANISH
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches conversational communication through cultural texts and media. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: WLC 202S or placement by exam. Offered Spring or on demand.

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

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

WLC 302J - COMPOSITION: JAPANESE
Semester Hours: 3

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

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

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

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

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

WLC 303S - FOREIGN LANG LIFE & PROF: SPANISH
Semester Hours: 3
Teaches foreign language skills for careers in business, technology, politics, etc. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: WLC 202S or by placement. Offered Spring or on demand.
WLC 304F - CULTURE:FRENCH  
Semester Hours: 3  
Teaches the arts, histories, social customs, and values of the target culture. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: WLC 301F or WLC 302F. Offered Fall or on Demand.

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

WLC 304R - CULTURE:RUSSIAN  
Semester Hours: 3  
Teaches the arts, histories, social customs, and values of the target culture. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: WLC 301R or WLC 302R. Offered Fall or on Demand.

WLC 304S - CULTURE:SPANISH  
Semester Hours: 3  
Teaches the arts, histories, social customs, and values of the target culture. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisites: WLC 301S or WLC 302S. Offered Fall or on Demand.

WLC 305F - INTRO TO LITERATURE:FRENCH  
Semester Hours: 3  
Introduces the literature of the target language in cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: WLC 301F or WLC 302F. Offered Spring or on demand.

WLC 305G - INTRO TO LITERATURE:GERMAN  
Semester Hours: 3  
Introduces the literature of the target language in cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: WLC 301G or WLC 302G. Offered Spring or on demand.

WLC 305R - INTRO TO LITERATURE:RUSSIAN  
Semester Hours: 3  
Introduces the literature of the target language in cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: WLC 301R or WLC 302R. Offered Spring or on demand.

WLC 305S - INTRO TO LITERATURE:SPANISH  
Semester Hours: 3  
Introduces the literature of the target language in cultural contexts. Conducted in the target language. Prerequisite: WLC 301S or WLC 302S. Offered Spring or on demand.

WLC 404F - TEXTS & CONTEXTS:SEM LIT:FRENCH  
Semester Hours: 3  
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: WLC 301F or WLC 302F. Offered Fall or on demand.

WLC 404G - TEXTS & CONTEXTS:SEM LIT:GERMAN  
Semester Hours: 3  
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: WLC 301G or WLC 302G. Offered Fall or on demand.

WLC 404R - TEXTS & CONTEXTS:SEM LIT:RUSSIAN  
Semester Hours: 3  
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: WLC 301R or WLC 302R. Offered Fall or on demand.

WLC 404S - TEXTS & CONTEXTS:SEM LIT:SPANISH  
Semester Hours: 3  
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: WLC 301S or WLC 302S. Offered Fall or on demand.
WLC 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: WLC 303. Offered Spring, Summer, and Fall.

WLC 499F - INDEPENDENT STUDY:FRENCH
Semester Hours: 3

Independent study and/or study abroad. Prerequisite: WLC 202F.

WLC 499G - INDEPENDENT STUDY: GERMAN
Semester Hours: 3

Independent study and/or study abroad. Prerequisite: WLC 202G.

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

Independent study and/or study abroad. Prerequisite: WLC 202R.

WLC 499S - INDEPENDENT STUDY: SPANISH
Semester Hours: 3

Independent study and/or study abroad. Prerequisite: WLC 202S.