

LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES, B.A.

Students at the University of South Carolina are living in an increasingly globalized context in which economic, social, environmental, and cultural transformations in one part of the world can affect all others. The State of South Carolina leads the nation in per capita foreign direct investment. The ability to comprehend and communicate in diverse languages not only prepares our students to understand the history and traditions of our own culture, it also equips them to be active and engaged representatives of the state in the global economy and world affairs. The ability to communicate in a foreign language has been shown to correlate directly with career success by a variety of empirical studies. The major in languages, with its multiple and flexible tracks, is vital for the preparation of the next generation of South Carolina citizens and leaders.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will be able to demonstrate intermediate to advanced level proficiency in their target language(s).
2. Students will be able to evaluate and discuss literary and cultural texts, or linguistic documents, and advance arguments effectively through strong writing and research skills.
3. Students will be able to recognize and discuss the significance of the socio-political structures, and the intellectual and literary/or artistic contributions in the target culture and language sphere.
4. Students will be able to recognize, describe, and reflect on the cultural practices that shape social interactions in the target culture.