

LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES, B.A.

Students pursuing the Languages, Literatures and Cultures (LLC) major learn to communicate in diverse languages while deepening their appreciation of the history and traditions of a variety of cultures. Students in the major gain the skills necessary to be active, empathetic and engaged citizens in the global economy and world affairs. The B.A. can lead to employment in fields including advertising, diplomacy, journalism, publishing, teaching, translation, tourism and more.

Students pursuing the LLC degree track will select one of the following major concentrations, based on their academic and career goals.

Chinese Studies

Students in the Chinese studies concentration take courses in Mandarin while examining the social and historical aspects of Chinese culture, literature, politics and religion. Students study topics ranging from Tang Dynasty poetry and Chinese linguistics to Taiwanese pop music and contemporary Chinese cinema. China's impact on the global economy continues to grow significantly, making Chinese studies an ideal double-major for international business students.

Classics - Classical Studies

Classical literature is foundational in the study of history, art history, philosophy, political science, law, religious studies, modern literature, healthcare professions and the sciences. Through the study and interpretation of these works, students acquire a deeper understanding of the linguistic and conceptual roots of their own cultures, preparing them for careers or future studies in a multitude of fields, including journalism, publishing, education or scholarly research.

Classics - Greek

Students develop fluency in Greek so they may study classical texts in their original language. Classical Greek literature is foundational in the study of history, art history, philosophy, political science, law, religious studies, modern literature, healthcare professions and the sciences. Through the study and interpretation of these works, students acquire a deeper understanding of the linguistic and conceptual roots of their own cultures, preparing them for careers or future studies in a multitude of fields, including journalism, publishing, education or scholarly research.

Classics - Latin

Students who minor in Latin develop fluency in the language and study classical Roman texts in their original language. Classical literature is foundational in the study of history, art history, philosophy, political science, law, religious studies, modern literature, healthcare professions and the sciences. Through the study and interpretation of these works, students acquire a deeper understanding of the linguistic and conceptual roots of their own cultures, preparing them for careers or future studies in a multitude of fields, including journalism, publishing, education or scholarly research.

Classics – Latin PK-12 Teacher Certification

Students develop competency in Latin and a foundation in Greek, studying classical texts in their original languages. As part of the concentration, they complete a minor in Foreign Language Education, taking courses in diversity of learning, educational psychology, content area literacy, and foreign language methodology. They also complete two semesters of internships in local PK-12 public schools, working with expert coaching teachers. In addition to their Bachelor of Arts degree, graduates of the program earn teacher certification through the South Carolina Department of Education, qualifying them for a career as a Latin teacher in PK-12 schools.

Comparative Literature

In the comparative literature concentration, students examine literature from a multitude of different perspectives. Courses foster the program's core values of linguistic competence, theoretical fluency and broad literary culture. Students learn from renowned faculty on topics from Latin lyric poetry and film studies to poststructuralist and postcolonial theory. Students completing the concentration are prepared for graduate study or to transfer their well-honed writing skills to work in fields including journalism, publishing, education or scholarly research.

Francophone Studies

Students take courses in the language, literatures and cultures of France and acquire advanced language skills and cultural knowledge as well as linguistic and cultural proficiency. A background in Francophone studies may benefit those pursuing primary studies or future graduate work in anthropology, art history, law, political science, religious studies and sociology.

The Francophone Studies Program is an official testing site for the DELF examination, the internationally recognized standard for certifying French language proficiency. Students may prepare and take the exam at the end of their studies.

Francophone Studies – PK-12 Teacher Certification

Students study the language, literatures, and cultures of Francophone countries while developing their French language skills at an advanced level. As part of the concentration, they complete a minor in Foreign Language Education, taking courses in diversity of learning, educational psychology, content area literacy, and foreign language methodology. They also complete two semesters of internships in local PK-12 public schools, working with expert coaching teachers. In addition to their Bachelor of Arts degree, graduates of the program earn teacher certification through the South Carolina Department of Education, qualifying them for a career as a French teacher in PK-12 schools.

German

The German concentration offers courses in the language, literatures and cultures of Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Students gain transferable skills such as global awareness, cross-cultural literacy and the ability to work with diverse groups, preparing them for employment in a variety of career fields. Additionally, students read works from some of the world's great philosophers, poets, composers, political thinkers, scientists and theologians in the original German. A background in German benefits

those pursuing primary studies or future graduate work in comparative literature, economics, Germanic studies, international business, international law, linguistics or political science.

German – PK-12 Teacher Certification

Students study the language, literatures, and cultures of German-speaking countries while developing their German language skills at an advanced level. As part of the concentration, they complete a minor in Foreign Language Education, taking courses in diversity of learning, educational psychology, content area literacy, and foreign language methodology. They also complete two semesters of internships in local PK-12 public schools, working with expert coaching teachers. In addition to their Bachelor of Arts degree, graduates of the program earn teacher certification through the South Carolina Department of Education, qualifying them for a career as a German teacher in PK-12 schools.

Italian

The Italian concentration offers courses in the language, literature, and culture of Italy. Students gain transferable skills such as linguistic proficiency, global awareness, cross-cultural literacy, and the ability to work with diverse groups, preparing them for employment in a variety of careers. A background in Italian benefits those pursuing primary studies or graduate work in art history, comparative literature, environmental studies, history, international business, Italian studies, law, music, or political science.

Linguistics

The Linguistics concentration prepares students in a chosen language and introduces students to the subfields of second language acquisition, sociolinguistics, and historical linguistics. Students learn skills applicable to a variety of career fields, such as international and intercultural awareness, data analysis, and understanding of structures, diversity, and change over time. A background in Linguistics benefits those pursuing primary studies or future graduate work in linguistics, language teaching, international business, international law, sociology, anthropology, or political science.

Russian

The Russian concentration offers courses in the language, literatures and cultures of Russia. In addition to acquiring a cultural and historical background, students become proficient in Russian, the seventh most spoken language in the world and one of the official languages of the United Nations. Students gain transferable skills such as global awareness, cross-cultural literacy and the ability to work with diverse groups, which prepare them for employment in a variety of career fields. A background in Russian benefits those pursuing primary studies or graduate work in economics, environmental studies, political science, law, security studies and sociology.

Spanish

Students develop their Spanish language skills at an advanced level, while deeply engaging with cultural practices of Latin America and Spain. Students gain transferable skills such as global awareness, cross-cultural literacy and the ability to work with diverse groups, which prepare them for employment in a variety of career fields. A background in Spanish benefits those pursuing primary studies or future graduate work in anthropology, Hispanic studies, history, international business, law and political science.

Spanish –PK-12 Teacher Certification

Students study the language, literatures, and cultures of Spanish-speaking countries while developing their Spanish language skills at an advanced level. As part of the concentration, they complete a minor in Foreign Language Education, taking courses in diversity of learning, educational psychology, content area literacy, and foreign language methodology. They also complete two semesters of internships in local PK-12 public schools, working with expert coaching teachers. In addition to their Bachelor of Arts degree, graduates of the program earn teacher certification through the South Carolina Department of Education, qualifying them for a career as a Spanish teacher in PK-12 schools.

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 and/or linguistic structures 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.