



INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS AT IUPUI

WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

Prepares you to communicate successfully with people of other cultures in today's globalized environment

Are you looking for an opportunity to improve your language knowledge for academic or professional purposes?

Are you curious about other cultures, other countries, or about your own cultural or linguistic heritage?

Do you want to travel or to study and work abroad?

Would you like to simply learn to communicate in another language?

Studying another language improves your knowledge of English grammar and vocabulary; it increases your cognitive and verbal skills; it prepares you to interact successfully with people of different cultures in an increasingly globalized environment.

WHY CHOOSE WORLD LANGUAGES?

More than ever before, language knowledge and cross-cultural understanding are needed to participate effectively in the diverse world we share and to compete successfully in the increasingly globalized market place. The faculty in World Languages and Cultures are equipped to provide you with the skills that you need to meet the cross-cultural challenges of the new century. Our department includes well-known experts in language teaching and learning, cultural and literary studies, translation, and heritage studies.

The Department of World Languages and Cultures has established a reputation for teaching and research excellence, pedagogical innovation, leadership in teacher education, and application of language and culture study to textual analysis, intercultural communication, business and engineering, medical training, modern media, and translation.

EXPERIENTIAL LANGUAGE LEARNING

An increasing number of World Languages courses offer students opportunities to interact with native speakers of their language of study in socially meaningful activities. Service learning options range from mini-course components to domestic or international internships.

SKILLS & CAREERS

A language major trains you to achieve proficiency in your target language and culture. The emphasis on current usage, prepares you to interact in an employment setting where linguistic and cross-cultural knowledge are required as primary or support skills.

Career paths include:

- Employment in a field for which knowledge of a second language is a primary or secondary skill (e.g. translation and interpreting, international business or engineering, government, social or health services, or international travel).
- Professional specialization in a field for which proficiency in a second language is a prerequisite (e.g. international banking and business, trade, translation studies or Foreign Service)
- Secondary teaching certification in the target language
- Graduate studies in the language discipline, or another related field such as library science, museum studies, or archaeology

STUDY ABROAD

Immersion abroad experiences dramatically improve students' listening and conversational skills and ability to interact with people of different cultural backgrounds, while enhancing their employment opportunities in all fields. A variety of study and immersion abroad programs are available for all languages taught in the Department of World Languages and Cultures at IUPUI. Study abroad programs range from one-week-long, to one-year-long programs, and are administered by the Department of World Languages and Cultures in collaboration with the IUPUI Office of International Affairs, or by the IU Office of Overseas Study in Bloomington.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Student scholarship opportunities are offered through the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI, the IUPUI Office of Student Scholarships, the IUPUI Study Abroad Scholarship and the IU Overseas Study Scholarship funds.

LANGUAGE PLACEMENT

All students with previous knowledge of a world language taught at IUPUI are urged to take the appropriate placement test as the best means to assess their level of proficiency. The online test in French, German, or Spanish helps students place into a more advanced class depending on their results. (Placement assessment for Arabic, Chinese, Italian, Japanese, and Latin is conducted by directors of the respective program.) Students may test out of first and/or second year of course work and qualify for special credits at a reduced fee after successfully completing the IUPUI course into which they are placed. Special credits in world languages meet distribution requirements and count toward graduation. Up to a maximum of 14 special credits at the first- and second-year level may be earned after IUPUI course validation, provided that the student is not a native speaker of the language. For example, a student placed in S132 is eligible for 4 special credits in Spanish (S131) after successful S132 course completion. A student placed in F203 is eligible for 8 special credits in French (F131-132) after successful F203 course completion. For all other placement, please contact wlac@iupui.edu to speak with the director of the program.

Testing Center

801 W. Michigan St., BS 3003
tc.iupui.edu/testing or (317) 274-2620

MULTIMEDIA LANGUAGE RESOURCE CENTER (MLRC)

The MLRC provides a variety of technological resources to enhance language learning.

(317) 278-2277
Cavanaugh Hall, CA319
liberalarts.iupui.edu/mlrc

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The Department of World Languages and Cultures offers a Master of Arts in Teaching Spanish, five undergraduate programs of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree and an undergraduate Certificate in Translation Studies. Our department also teaches the content courses toward the B. S. Degree and Teacher Certification with the IU School of Education, as well as a Dual Degree option with the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI.

American Sign Language/English Interpreting (ASL)

Through the efforts of Deaf citizens and their community, interpreting has come to be required by law at most federal, state, and local levels within societal institutions such as the legal, health care, educational, employment and social welfare systems.

The Program in ASL/English Interpreting offers:

- A Major in ASL/EI (B.S. Degree)
- A Certificate in ASL/EI
- A Minor in American Sign Language

Arabic (NELC)

The study of Arabic opens the door to the cultures of the Middle East and the vast Islamic world. It is an important language for the fields of political science, religion, art, business and the Foreign Service.

The Program in Arabic offers:

- An Individualized Major in Arabic
- A minor in Arabic and Islamic Studies

Chinese (EALC-C)

Chinese is spoken by more than one billion people. The importance of learning Chinese is increasing every day, as China is rapidly emerging as a major player in business and world affairs. With the strategic partnership with Sun-Yat-Sen University in China, the program provides many additional language learning opportunities.

The Program in Chinese offers:

- An Individualized Major in Chinese Studies
- A Certificate in Chinese Studies
- A Minor in Chinese Studies

Classical Studies (CLAS)

Classical Studies is an interdisciplinary field examining the vanished civilizations of Ancient Greece and Rome through the study of classical art, history and archaeology, mythology, literature and the intellectual traditions of the ancient world, as well as the study of the Greek and Latin languages.

The Program in Classical Studies offers:

- An Individualized Major in Classical Studies
- Minors in Classical Studies,

French (FREN)

French is spoken on five continents by people of a great variety of cultures. It is an important language for international law and diplomacy, business, finance and technology, for the arts, fashion design, international cuisine and tourism.

The Program in French offers:

- A Major in French
- A Minor in French
- A Dual Degree option with the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI
- A Teaching Certification Program with the IU School of Education at IUPUI

German (GER)

German is spoken by one hundred million people in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Luxemburg and Liechtenstein. It is one of the principal languages of the European Union and an important language for the fields of philosophy, history and music, as well as for science, engineering and technology.

The Program in German offers:

- A Major in German
- A Teaching Certification Program with the IU School of Education at IUPUI
- A Minor in German
- A Dual Degree option with the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology

Japanese Studies (EALC-J)

Japanese Studies in an interdisciplinary field including the study of the language, culture, literature and the arts of Japan. Japanese is important for the fields of philosophy and history, the arts and new media, international cuisine and tourism.

The Program in Japanese Studies offers:

- An Individualized Major in Japanese Studies
- A Minor in Japanese Studies

Spanish (SPAN)

Spanish is a major international language spoken in Spain, the Caribbean Islands and most countries of Central and Latin America. It is also the first language of the largest minority population in the United States. Knowledge of Spanish is an asset in today's workplace.

The Program in Spanish offers:

- A Major in Spanish
- A Minor in Spanish
- A Teaching Certification Program with the IU School of Education at IUPUI
- A Dual Degree option with the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI
- A graduate Master of Arts in the Teaching of Spanish

Graduate in Translation Studies

Globalization and the changing US demographics have increased demand for translation skills in many fields including educational, medical, legal and technical. The Program in Translation Studies offers coursework for a Graduate Certificate in Translation Studies.

Italian (ITAL)

Italian is important to those who love Italian art, cinema, opera and cuisine, or who simply dream of traveling to Venice, Rome or Sicily! The Program in Italian offers courses in beginning Italian.

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