

Modern Language and Culture, B.A.

Program Description

Speaking a second language and understanding other cultures are of strategic importance in a world in which international collaboration is not only necessary for political survival, but also indispensable for economic success. The B.A. with a major in Modern Language and Culture prepares graduates who are able to communicate effectively in one or more world languages and have a keen understanding of how humans interact across world cultures. Graduates will be familiar with current global issues and possess the knowledge, skills, and versatility needed to succeed academically and professionally in an ever-changing society.

The B.A. with a major in Modern Language and Culture is designed to develop students' communication skills and understanding of other cultures and to foster respect for difference and diversity in a global society. Students choose one of five primary languages – Chinese, French, German, Italian, or Spanish – in which they develop and refine language proficiency as well as cross-cultural competence. In the course of their studies, Modern Language and Culture majors acquire and practice the communication skills and cultural competence necessary to function effectively in a global society. The curriculum prepares degree candidates for future academic programs and professional careers in which world language proficiency and cultural knowledge are desirable or required or both.



This program is a part of the Norman J. Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Accreditation

The B.A. with a major in Modern Language and Culture is fully approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

Admission, Enrollment, and Graduation Policies

Teacher Education Admission Requirements

Admission to teacher education is separate from admission to Kennesaw State University. Students must meet the admission, retention and graduation requirements outlined in the Teacher Education Admission, Enrollment, and Graduation Requirements catalog page to pursue this degree program.

Graduation Requirements

Each student is expected to meet the requirements outlined in Academic Policies 5.0

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & GRADUATION. In addition, all Modern Language and Culture majors must take an official Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI). In addition, majors choosing the "Teacher Certification in a World Language" concentration must receive a minimum rating of "Advanced Low" to graduate and to receive a recommendation for certification. For information about the OPI, see <http://www.actfl.org>.

Program Course Requirements

Core IMPACTS Curriculum (42 Credit Hours)

General Education Core IMPACTS Curriculum

Core Field of Study (18 Credit Hours)

Students must earn a "C" or better in these courses.

Required Language Courses (9 Credit Hours)

Select a primary language and complete 9 credit hours in that language from the following list of courses:

- CHIN 1002: Elementary Chinese II
- CHIN 2001: Intermediate Chinese I
- CHIN 2002: Intermediate Chinese II
- or
- FREN 1002: Elementary French II
- FREN 2001: Intermediate French I
- FREN 2002: Intermediate French II
- or
- GRMN 1002: Elementary German II
- GRMN 2001: Intermediate German I
- GRMN 2002: Intermediate German II
- or
- ITAL 1002: Elementary Italian II
- ITAL 2001: Intermediate Italian I
- ITAL 2002: Intermediate Italian II
- or
- SPAN 1002: Elementary Spanish II
- SPAN 2001: Intermediate Spanish I
- SPAN 2002: Intermediate Spanish II

World Language Elective Course (3 Credit Hours)

- WLC 2209: World Languages and Cultures
or
- WLC 2306: Voices of Dissent Around the World

Elective Courses (6 Credit Hours)

Select 6 credit hours of 1000–2000 level coursework from the University Catalog. Students should select courses that align with their desired concentration, it is recommended to meet with an advisor to discuss options. Students in the Teacher Education Concentration must take EDUC 2110: Investigating Critical & Contemporary Issues in Education and EDUC 2120: Exploring Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Diversity in Educational Contexts.

Note: 1000-level HPE courses cannot count in this area.

Major Requirements (30 Credit Hours)

Students must earn a "C" or better in these courses. Students must complete the coursework requirements for their chosen primary language.

Chinese

- CHIN 3200: Critical Reading and Applied Writing
- CHIN 3302: Practical Conversation
- CHIN 3303: Grammar and Composition
- CHIN 3304: Readings in Culture I
- CHIN 3305: Readings in Culture II

- CHIN 3398: Internship (Completed in Chinese)
or
- CHIN 3390: Upper-division Study Abroad in Chinese

- CHIN 4402: Contemporary Culture
- CHIN 4434: Topics in Language, Literature, and Culture
- CHIN 4456: Advanced Grammar and Linguistics
- CHIN 4499: Senior Seminar

French

- FREN 3200: Critical Reading and Applied Writing

- FREN 3302: Practical Conversation
- FREN 3303: Grammar and Composition
- FREN 3304: Literature and Culture I
- FREN 3305: Literature and Culture II
- FREN 3398: Internship (completed in French)
- or
- FREN 3390: Upper-division Study Abroad in French
- FREN 4402: Contemporary Culture
- FREN 4434: Topics in Language, Literature, and Culture
- FREN 4456: Advanced Grammar and Linguistics
- FREN 4499: Senior Seminar

German

- GRMN 3200: Critical Reading and Applied Writing
- GRMN 3302: Practical Conversation
- GRMN 3303: Grammar and Composition
- GRMN 3304: Literature and Culture I
- GRMN 3305: Literature and Culture II
- GRMN 3398: Internship (completed in German)
- or
- GRMN 3390: Upper-division Study Abroad in German
- GRMN 4402: Contemporary Culture
- GRMN 4434: Topics in Language, Literature, and Culture
- GRMN 4456: Advanced Grammar and Linguistics
- GRMN 4499: Senior Seminar

Italian

- ITAL 3200: Critical Reading and Applied Writing
- ITAL 3302: Practical Conversation
- ITAL 3303: Grammar and Composition
- ITAL 3304: Literature and Culture I
- ITAL 3305: Literature and Culture II
- ITAL 3390: Upper-division Study Abroad in Italian
- or
- ITAL 3398: Internship
- ITAL 4402: Contemporary Culture

- ITAL 4434: Topics in Language Literature and Culture
- ITAL 4456: Advanced Grammar and Linguistics
- ITAL 4499: Senior Seminar

Spanish

- SPAN 3200: Critical Reading and Applied Writing
- SPAN 3302: Practical Conversation
- SPAN 3303: Grammar and Composition
- SPAN 3304: Literature and Culture I
- SPAN 3305: Literature and Culture II
- SPAN 3398: Internship (completed in Spanish)
or
- SPAN 3390: Upper-division Study Abroad in Spanish
- SPAN 4402: Contemporary Culture
- SPAN 4434: Topics in Language, Literature, and Culture
- SPAN 4456: Advanced Grammar and Linguistics
- SPAN 4499: Senior Seminar

Major Concentrations (30 Credit Hours)

Students must earn a "C" or better in these courses.

Second Language and Culture

Second Language Core (9 Credit Hours)

Select a secondary language and complete 9 credit hours in that language from the following list of courses: Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, or Spanish.

- CHIN 1002: Elementary Chinese II
- CHIN 2001: Intermediate Chinese I
- CHIN 2002: Intermediate Chinese II
or
- FREN 1002: Elementary French II
- FREN 2001: Intermediate French I
- FREN 2002: Intermediate French II
or
- GRMN 1002: Elementary German II
- GRMN 2001: Intermediate German I

- GRMN 2002: Intermediate German II
or
- ITAL 1002: Elementary Italian II
- ITAL 2001: Intermediate Italian I
- ITAL 2002: Intermediate Italian II
or
- JAPN 1002: Elementary Japanese II
- JAPN 2001: Intermediate Japanese I
- JAPN 2002: Intermediate Japanese II
or
- KOR 1002: Elementary Korean II
- KOR 2001: Intermediate Korean Language and Culture I
- KOR 2002: Intermediate Korean Language and Culture II
or
- PORT 1002: Elementary Portuguese II
- PORT 2001: Intermediate Portuguese I
- PORT 2002: Intermediate Portuguese II
or
- SPAN 1002: Elementary Spanish II
- SPAN 2001: Intermediate Spanish I
- SPAN 2002: Intermediate Spanish II

Second Language Upper-Division Electives (9 Credit Hours)

Select 9 credit hours of 3000–4000 level coursework in the chosen secondary language.

Free Electives (12 Credit Hours)

Select 12 credit hours of 1000–4000 level coursework from the University Catalog. In accordance with KSU Graduation Policy, students must earn a grade of "D" or better in these courses while maintaining a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA.

Teacher Certification in Foreign Languages

The Teacher Certification in Foreign Language concentration is designed to prepare Foreign Language Education teachers at all grade levels (P–12). It leads to P–12 teacher certification in the teaching field of (Chinese, French, German, or Spanish) in Georgia. Candidates complete a major in Modern Language and Culture (primary language: Chinese, French, German, or Spanish) and the equivalent of a second major in pedagogical studies with an emphasis on teaching a foreign language.

Required Courses (30 Credit Hours)

- EDUC 2130: Exploring Teaching & Learning
- WLED 4408: Second Language Acquisition
- WLED 4410: Methods, Materials, and Curriculum of World Language Education, P-8
- WLED 4412: Methods, Materials, and Curriculum of World Language Education, 9-12
- WLED 4414: Technology for World Language Teaching
- EDUC 4610: Introduction to the Yearlong Clinical Experience
- WLED 4650: Yearlong Clinical Experience I
- WLED 4660: Yearlong Clinical Experience II
- INED 3300: Educating Students with Exceptionalities in Inclusive Settings

Applied Business

Required Courses (21 Credit Hours)

- ACCT 2101: Principles of Accounting I
- ACCT 2102: Principles of Accounting II
- ECON 2105: Principles of Macroeconomics
- ECON 2106: Principles of Microeconomics
- MKTG 3100: Principles of Marketing
- MGT 3100: Management and Behavioral Sciences

Select 3 credit hours in the primary language from the following list of courses:

- CHIN 4404: Commercial Chinese
- FREN 4404: Commercial French
- GRMN 4404: Commercial German
- ITAL 4404: Commercial Italian
- SPAN 4404: Commercial Spanish

Free Electives (9 Credit Hours)

Select 9 credit hours of 1000-4000 level coursework from the University Catalog. In accordance with KSU Graduation Policy, students must earn a grade of "D" or better in these courses while maintaining a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA.

Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives

University Electives (30 Credit Hours)

In accordance with KSU Graduation Policy, students must earn a grade of "D" or better in these courses while maintaining a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA.

Upper-Division Electives (15 Credit Hours)

Select 15 credit hours of 3000–4000 level coursework from the University Catalog.

Free Electives (15 Credit Hours)

Select 15 credit hours of 1000–4000 level coursework from the University Catalog.

Program Total (120 Credit Hours)