Why study a Foreign Language at CMU?

The Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures offers courses that prepare students to begin a career in international business, pursue graduate study in a variety of fields and teach at the elementary and secondary level. Students often combine a foreign language with other academic disciplines.

Our beginning-level courses are open to students who have not had any previous foreign language training. Upper-level students can choose from a wide variety of language, literature and culture courses and will incorporate that knowledge into their study abroad opportunity. Consider these key features:

• Small classes taught by teachers distinguished in their fields
• Scholarship opportunities for studying abroad
• Large offering of extracurricular activities and groups
• Opportunities to study abroad while learning French, Spanish and German
• Free tutoring in German, Spanish and French and assistance in the Spanish Writing Center
• Daily use of our state-of-the-art language learning center
• If you have high school foreign language experience, you may qualify to receive retroactive college credit.

Program curriculum

Students can earn a major in French, German or Spanish through three degree programs: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Science in Education. CMU also offers a minor in French, German and Spanish. In addition, students can take courses in Arabic, Chinese, Latin and Ojibwe.
Career options

In the age of globalization, foreign language skills are in high demand in most career fields. Foreign language students can choose from a variety of career opportunities, and the study abroad experience enhances our graduates’ ability to compete on the job market.

- Business Administrator
- Corporate Representative with national or multi-national companies
- Elementary or Secondary School Teacher
- Government Employee with agencies including the CIA, Foreign Service, Peace Corps and United Nations
- Journalist
- Medical Professional
- Tourism/Hospitality Specialist
- Translator/Interpreter

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