

Modern Languages

Bachelor of Arts Degree

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Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (including biology)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language
(same language or two years of
American Sign Language)
- Academic electives (to equal at
least 17 credits)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

Did You Know?

It is a well-known fact that the first experience in learning a foreign language opens the door to accelerated acquisition of a second and third language. In a world where international competition is becoming more and more the norm than the exception, when it comes to evaluating dossiers, knowledge of a second and third language and their related cultures is a clear educational and professional advantage.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Program Description

Students combine the study of two major language families of Western Europe with which the American continent has had a long history and with which it has the potential for an exciting future. In addition to acquiring proficiency in two modern European languages (German and French or Spanish), students explore the important Western cultural traditions linked to them. Students pursuing a teaching career have the opportunity to earn primary and secondary certification in two languages.

The UMaine elementary and intermediate programs in all three languages are supported by upper-level courses on campus and by study abroad programs in German-, French- and Spanish-speaking countries. Upper-level credits earned abroad can be transferred to the student's degree program at UMaine.

Specialized Information

Modern language majors can take advantage of programs and activities open to all German, French and Spanish majors. Modern language majors can work on research projects and take advantage of scholarly activities and internships open to German, French and Spanish majors.

Associated Honor Societies and Student Organizations

The French section offers travel courses in France and Quebec; Spanish travel courses regularly take students to Honduras.

The student-run German, French and Spanish Clubs feature foreign language films and cultural events, and provide opportunities for excursions to see cultural events in Canada, southern Maine, New Hampshire or the Boston area. All language clubs are also involved in International Week and CultureFest, programs of the Office of International Programs. Delta Phi Alpha, the German honor society, also has a chapter at the University of Maine and provides grants and travel and study scholarships to outstanding German majors.

Career and Graduate Opportunities

Graduates have become foreign policy research analysts or have pursued careers in the business world. They have worked in national security and diplomacy. Students with a B.A. in modern languages have gone on to professional schools, such as law and medicine, or pursued graduate work in International Affairs.

UMaine Graduate Programs

Master of Arts in French
Master of Arts in Teaching French
Master of Arts in Teaching Spanish

Representative Courses

GER 305 Practical German
GER 306 Readings in German Literature
GER 307 German for the Professions
FRE 305 French Conversation and Composition
FRE 307 French for Business
FRE 309 Readings in French Literature
FRE 310 Readings in Francophone Literature
FRE 320 French Pronunciation
FRE 397 French May Term
FRE 398 French Immersion: Western France
FRE 400 Advanced French Grammar
FRE 442 North American French Language

FRE 463 Quebec Poetry
FRE 464 Quebec Theater
FRE 495 Senior Project in French
SPA 301 Introduction to Literary Theory
SPA 305 Applied Spanish
SPA 306 Workshop in Speaking and Writing Spanish
SPA 307 Readings in Peninsular Literature
SPA 308 Readings in Spanish American Literature
SPA 410 Latin American Novel
SPA 420 Spanish Film
SPA 495 Senior Project in Spanish

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