World Languages and Cultures

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The World Languages and Cultures Department offers coursework in beginning, intermediate, and advanced French, German, and Spanish, as well as coursework in beginning and intermediate Mandarin Chinese, Italian, and Japanese. Instruction at all levels emphasizes communicative competence and the use of authentic media to prepare students for cultural, educational, literary and professional needs in California, throughout the United States, and abroad.

Students who wish to enroll in language courses for the first time at Cal Poly, numbered 101 through 203, must take the requisite Placement Examination prior to enrolling. Students who have never studied the desired language must begin at 101. Students should contact the World Languages and Cultures Department for test dates and procedures.

The department supports the concept of international education and encourages students to investigate opportunities for meaningful international study, internships, and educational experiences. The department works with Cal Poly’s and the CSU’s International Programs to ensure that courses taken in an experience abroad count toward either major, support, minor, general education and/or free electives, as appropriate. Students interested in studying abroad should consult with the Cal Poly International Center Office and their assigned academic advisor well in advance.

The department also supports such student clubs as the Cal Poly Spanish Language Club, the Chinese Cultural Club, and MEXA (Movimiento Estudiantil Xicano de Aztlán), as well as sponsoring a quarterly film series and other cultural events such as the Chinese New Year celebration and the German Winter Festival.

The World Languages Center (WLC) is the department’s digital language laboratory and multimedia teaching facility. Students and faculty members use the Center for class activities and presentations, and for drop-in language practice and curriculum development.

Undergraduate Programs

BA Spanish

Students with majors and minors in World Languages and Cultures have been successful in careers in education, international business, non-profit agencies, the viticulture industry, software and Internet-related services, and government. Others have attended graduate and professional schools in various fields, including languages, literatures, and cultures, applied linguistics, international security and nonproliferation, education, psychology, law, and medicine. Our graduates have also been selected to teach in secondary schools in Spain (North American Language and Culture Assistants) and France (Teaching Assistant Program in France). In collaboration with the Cal Poly School of Education, we also prepare students for the California single-subject World Languages Teaching Credential. Finally, we work closely with our students to integrate junior- or senior-level education abroad experiences, internships or service-learning experiences in the U.S. or another country, or equivalent professional-level hands-on experiences (with departmental approval) as part of their total capstone experience.

Chinese Minor

The Chinese minor incorporates aspects of Chinese language, combined with elective coursework in business, contemporary politics, history, philosophy, natural resources, agribusiness, or languages and cultures. Chinese language and culture are powerful tools for students from all fields of study. The Chinese minor offers opportunities for real world “Learn By Doing” experiences, via study abroad in Taiwan and China. The Chinese minor provides a solid foundation in Chinese language and culture, while at the same time enabling students from all fields of study to become more competitive in the contemporary job market.

French Minor

The French minor provides students the opportunity to become proficient in one of the world’s most international languages which is widely spoken in the areas of business, diplomacy, advanced academic research, the arts, fashion, viticulture, and the culinary arts. French minors are strongly encouraged to study abroad, taking advantage of Cal Poly’s diverse programs in France and other Francophone countries. French minor students will concentrate on building their language proficiency at the intermediate and advanced levels and will also have the opportunity to take courses in French and Francophone cultures and literatures. Students should begin their French studies during fall quarter of their first year in order to maximize the chances of achieving a useful level of proficiency during their college experience.

German Minor

The German minor at Cal Poly prepares students from all majors for a wide variety of international experiences, including our college- and major-specific exchanges with German universities, study and internships abroad, and lifelong membership in the community of those who have learned more than one language. Students develop creative and critical skills in our courses, which are focused on language as one of many important cultural phenomena, including literature, philosophy, music, visual arts, politics, and film. Students should begin their German studies during fall quarter of their first year in order to maximize the chances of achieving a useful level of proficiency during the college experience.

Italian Studies Minor

The Italian Studies minor provides students with opportunities to explore how the language and culture of Italy are central to the arts, humanities, and sciences in the Western tradition. In addition, students learn about the central role Italy plays on the world stage as one of the founders of Nato, of the European Union, and as one of the seven most industrialized...
Spanish Minor

The Spanish minor is a valuable complement to any Cal Poly major, from agriculture, engineering, and architecture to psychology, business, and political science. With an estimated 450 million Spanish speakers worldwide and growing Latinx populations in every state, advanced Spanish language skills and cultural competence are assets for employment and community involvement. This minor enhances students’ career options and makes them highly competitive for admission to graduate and professional schools. The Spanish minor offers students a diverse array of exciting intercultural experiences and opportunities to work with under-served communities. The Spanish minor is not open to BS Liberal Studies majors with a concentration in Spanish.

CHIN Courses

CHIN 101. Elementary Mandarin Chinese I. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Beginning Mandarin Chinese. Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing and introduction to Chinese culture. Not open to students with credit in CHIN 141. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

CHIN 102. Elementary Mandarin Chinese II. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: CHIN 101, CHIN 141, or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.

CHIN 103. Elementary Mandarin Chinese III. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: CHIN 102, CHIN 142, or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.

CHIN 141. Elementary Mandarin Chinese I Study Abroad. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: SU
Prerequisite: Acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Beginning Mandarin Chinese. Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in CHIN 101. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2, or GE Area C5.

CHIN 142. Elementary Mandarin Chinese II Study Abroad. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: SU
Prerequisite: CHIN 101, CHIN 141, or appropriate score on placement exam; and acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in CHIN 102. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2, or GE Area C5.

CHIN 143. Elementary Mandarin Chinese III Study Abroad. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: SU
Prerequisite: CHIN 102, CHIN 142, or appropriate score on placement exam; and acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in CHIN 103. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2, or GE Area C5.

CHIN 201. Intermediate Mandarin Chinese I. 4 units
GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: CHIN 103, CHIN 143, or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Mandarin Chinese within an intercultural context. Not open to students with credit in CHIN 241. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills GE C5.

CHIN 202. Intermediate Mandarin Chinese II. 4 units
GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: CHIN 201, CHIN 241, or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Mandarin Chinese within an intercultural context. Not open to students with credit in CHIN 242. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills GE C5.

CHIN 203. Intermediate Mandarin Chinese III. 4 units
GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: CHIN 202, CHIN 242, or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Mandarin Chinese within an intercultural context. Not open to students with credit in CHIN 243. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills GE C5.
FR 201. Intermediate French I. 4 units
GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: FR 103 or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in French within an intercultural context. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills GE C5.

FR 202. Intermediate French II. 4 units
GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: FR 201 or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in French within an intercultural context. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills GE C5.

FR 203. Intermediate French III. 4 units
GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: FR 202 or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in French within an intercultural context. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills GE C5.

FR 233. Critical Reading in French Literature. 4 units
GE Area C1
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; and FR 203 or consent of instructor.

Selected readings in French from Francophone authors that illustrate the French literary tradition from the Middle Ages to the present in both France and other French-speaking countries. May include film and other media. Conducted in French. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area C1.

FR 270. Selected Topics. 1-4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group study of selected topics. Open only to undergraduate students. Conducted in French. The Schedule of Classes will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures.

FR 301. Advanced French Composition and Grammar. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: FR 203 or consent of instructor.

Written and oral development of structural grammar, syntax and complex components of French. Expansion of vocabulary and idiomatic expressions through text study. Written compositions. May include French/English translation. Conducted in French. 4 lectures.

FR Courses

FR 101. Elementary French I. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Beginning French. Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

FR 102. Elementary French II. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: FR 101 or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.

Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

FR 103. Elementary French III. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: FR 102 or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.

Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

CHIN 241. Intermediate Mandarin Chinese I Study Abroad. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: SU
Prerequisite: CHIN 103, CHIN 143, or appropriate score on placement exam; and acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Mandarin Chinese. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in CHIN 201. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2, or GE Area C5.

CHIN 242. Intermediate Mandarin Chinese II Study Abroad. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: SU
Prerequisite: CHIN 201, CHIN 241, or appropriate score on placement exam; and acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Mandarin Chinese. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in CHIN 202. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2, or GE Area C5.

CHIN 243. Intermediate Mandarin Chinese III Study Abroad. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: SU
Prerequisite: CHIN 202, CHIN 242, or appropriate score on placement exam; and acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Mandarin Chinese. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in CHIN 203. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2, or GE Area C5.

CHIN Courses

CHIN 101. Elementary Mandarin Chinese I. 4 units
Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Prerequisite: CHIN 103, CHIN 143, or appropriate score on placement exam; and acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Intermediate-level language skills in Mandarin Chinese. Language taught in its intercultural context. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2, or GE Area C5.

CHIN 102. Elementary Mandarin Chinese II. 4 units
Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Prerequisite: CHIN 101 or appropriate score on placement exam; and acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Intermediate-level language skills in Mandarin Chinese. Language taught in its intercultural context. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2, or GE Area C5.

CHIN 103. Elementary Mandarin Chinese III. 4 units
Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Prerequisite: CHIN 102 or appropriate score on placement exam; and acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Intermediate-level language skills in Mandarin Chinese. Language taught in its intercultural context. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2, or GE Area C5.

CHIN 201. Intermediate Mandarin Chinese I. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: CHIN 103, CHIN 143, or appropriate score on placement exam; and acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Mandarin Chinese. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in CHIN 201. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2, or GE Area C5.

CHIN 202. Intermediate Mandarin Chinese II. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: CHIN 201 or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Mandarin Chinese. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in CHIN 202. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2, or GE Area C5.

CHIN 203. Intermediate Mandarin Chinese III. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: CHIN 202 or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Mandarin Chinese. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in CHIN 203. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2, or GE Area C5.

CHIN 241. Intermediate Mandarin Chinese I. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: SU
Prerequisite: CHIN 103, CHIN 143, or appropriate score on placement exam; and acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Intermediate-level language skills in Mandarin Chinese. Language taught in its intercultural context. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2, or GE Area C5.
FR 302. Advanced French Conversation and Grammar. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: SP  
Prerequisite: FR 203 or consent of instructor.  
Oral and written development of structural grammar, syntax and complex components of French. Expansion of vocabulary and idiomatic expressions through topics focusing on culture. Individual and/or group presentations. Conducted in French. 4 lectures.

FR 305. Significant Works in French. 4 units  
GE Area C4  
Term Typically Offered: W  
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; completion of one course in GE Area B1 with a grade of C- or better; and FR 233 or consent of instructor.  
Critical analysis and oral discussion of poetry, essays, novels, plays, films, and other media by selected French and Francophone authors. Conducted in French. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 12 units. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area C4.

FR 350. French Literature in English Translation. 4 units  
GE Area C4  
Term Typically Offered: SP  
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; completion of one course in GE Area B1 with a grade of C- or better; and completion of GE Area C1.  
Selected works to be read by students in English translation. Critical analysis, interpretation, and comparison of works by French and/or Francophone authors. Course may include film and other media. Discussion in English. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area C4.

GER Courses

GER 101. Elementary German I. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: F  
Beginning German. Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

GER 102. Elementary German II. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: W  
Prerequisite: GER 101 or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.  
Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

GER 103. Elementary German III. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: SP  
Prerequisite: GER 102 or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.  
Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

GER 201. Intermediate German I. 4 units  
GE Area C5  
Term Typically Offered: F  
Prerequisite: GER 103 or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.  
Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in German within an intercultural context. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills GE C5.

GER 202. Intermediate German II. 4 units  
GE Area C5  
Term Typically Offered: W  
Prerequisite: GER 201 or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.  
Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in German within an intercultural context. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills GE C5.

GER 203. Intermediate German III. 4 units  
GE Area C5  
Term Typically Offered: SP  
Prerequisite: GER 202 or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.  
Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in German within an intercultural context. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills GE C5.

GER 233. Critical Reading in German Literature. 4 units  
GE Area C1  
Term Typically Offered: F  
Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; and GER 203 or consent of instructor.  
Selected readings from German-language authors that show the literary tradition from the Middle Ages to the present. May include film and other media. Conducted in German. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area C1.

GER 270. Selected Topics. 1-4 units  
Term Typically Offered: TBD  
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.  
Directed group study of selected topics. Open only to undergraduate students. Conducted in German. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures.
ITAL 101. Elementary Italian I. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Beginning Italian. Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context. Not open to students with credit in ITAL 141. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

ITAL 102. Elementary Italian II. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: ITAL 101, ITAL 141, or consent of instructor.
Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context. Not open to students with credit in ITAL 142. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

ITAL 103. Elementary Italian III. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: ITAL 102, ITAL 142, or consent of instructor.
Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context. Not open to students with credit in ITAL 143. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

ITAL 141. Elementary Italian I Study Abroad. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: SU
Prerequisite: Acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.
Beginning Italian. Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in ITAL 101. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2, or GE Area C5.

ITAL 142. Elementary Italian II Study Abroad. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: SU
Prerequisite: ITAL 101, ITAL 141, or appropriate score on placement exam; and acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.
Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in ITAL 102. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2, or GE Area C5.

ITAL 143. Elementary Italian III Study Abroad. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: SU
Prerequisite: ITAL 102, ITAL 142, or appropriate score on placement exam; and acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.
Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to student with credit in ITAL 103. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2, or GE Area C5.

ITAL Courses

ITAL 101. Elementary Italian I. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Beginning Italian. Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context. Not open to students with credit in ITAL 141. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

ITAL 201. Intermediate Italian I. 4 units
GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: ITAL 103, ITAL 143, or consent of instructor.
Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Italian within an intercultural context. Not open to students with credit in ITAL 241. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills GE C5.
ITAL 241. Intermediate Italian I Study Abroad. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: SU
Prerequisite: ITAL 103, ITAL 143, or appropriate score on placement exam; and acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Italian. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in ITAL 201. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2, or GE Area C5.

JPNS Courses

JPNS 101. Elementary Japanese I. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Beginning Japanese. Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, basic conversation, and introduction to Japanese culture. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

JPNS 102. Elementary Japanese II. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: JPNS 101 or consent of instructor.
Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, basic conversation, and introduction to Japanese culture. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

JPNS 103. Elementary Japanese III. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: JPNS 102 or consent of instructor.
Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, basic conversation, and introduction to Japanese culture. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

JPNS 201. Intermediate Japanese I. 4 units
GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: JPNS 103 or consent of instructor.
Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Japanese within an intercultural context. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills GE C5.

SPAN Courses

SPAN 101. Elementary Spanish I. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Beginning Spanish. Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 102, SPAN 104, or SPAN 142. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

SPAN 102. Elementary Spanish II. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: SPAN 101, SPAN 111, SPAN 141, or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.
Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 104 or SPAN 142. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

SPAN 103. Elementary Spanish III. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: SPAN 102, SPAN 142, or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.
Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 104 or SPAN 143. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

SPAN 104. Intensive Elementary Spanish. 12 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context. Offered in summer only. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 102, SPAN 103, SPAN 142, and/or SPAN 143. 9 lectures, 3 activities.

SPAN 111. Elementary Hispanic Language and Culture. 4 units
USCP
Term Typically Offered: F, W
Beginning Spanish. Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation with special focus on vocabulary and culture from American agribusiness and the Hispanic cultures of the United States and Latin America. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 101 or SPAN 141. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills USCP.

SPAN 141. Elementary Spanish I Study Abroad. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: F,W,SPSU
Prerequisite: Acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.
Beginning Spanish. Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 101, SPAN 104, or SPAN 111. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2, or GE Area C5.

SPAN 142. Elementary Spanish II Study Abroad. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: F,W,SPSU
Prerequisite: SPAN 101, SPAN 111, SPAN 141 or appropriate score on placement exam; and acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.
Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 102 or SPAN 142. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2 or GE Area C5.
SPAN 143. Elementary Spanish III Study Abroad. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: F,W,SP,SR,SU
Prerequisite: SPAN 102, SPAN 142, or appropriate score on placement exam; and acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 103 or 104. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2 or GE Area C5.

SPAN 201. Intermediate Spanish I. 4 units
GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: SPAN 103, SPAN 143, or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Spanish within an intercultural context. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 204 or SPAN 241. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills GE C5.

SPAN 202. Intermediate Spanish II. 4 units
GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: SPAN 201, SPAN 241, or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Spanish within an intercultural context. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 204 or SPAN 242. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills GE C5.

SPAN 203. Intermediate Spanish III. 4 units
GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: SPAN 202, SPAN 242, or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Spanish within an intercultural context. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 206 or SPAN 243. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills GE C5.

SPAN 206. Spanish for Heritage Speakers. 4 units
USCP
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: SPAN 202, SPAN 242, or appropriate score on placement exam or consent of instructor.

Focus on the grammatical, cultural and linguistic needs of students who grew up speaking Spanish in their homes/communities, but whose schooling has been primarily in English. Emphasis on reading and writing skills, vocabulary and spelling as well as on cultural understanding. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 203 or SPAN 243. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills USCP.

SPAN 207. Introduction to Spanish Linguistics. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: SPAN 203, SPAN 206, SPAN 243, or consent of instructor.

Introduction to the scientific study of the Spanish language with an overview of theoretical and applied linguistics and special emphasis on Spanish phonetics and phonology. Conducted in Spanish. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

SPAN 233. Introduction to Hispanic Readings. 4 units
GE Area C1
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; and SPAN 203, SPAN 206, or SPAN 243.

Selected readings from Hispanic authors that show the Hispanic literary tradition from the Middle Ages to the present in Spain, Latin America, and of Latino/a writers in the United States. May include film and other media. Conducted in Spanish. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area C1.

SPAN 241. Intermediate Spanish I Study Abroad. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: F,W,SP,SR,SU
Prerequisite: SPAN 103, SPAN 143, or appropriate score on placement exam; acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Spanish. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 201. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2 or GE Area C5.

SPAN 242. Intermediate Spanish II Study Abroad. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: F,W,SP,SR,SU
Prerequisite: SPAN 201, SPAN 241, or appropriate score on placement exam; acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Spanish. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 202. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2 or GE Area C5.

SPAN 243. Intermediate Spanish III Study Abroad. 4 units
GE Area C1; GE Area C2; GE Area C5
Term Typically Offered: F,W,SP,SR,SU
Prerequisite: SPAN 202, SPAN 242, or appropriate score on placement exam; acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Spanish. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 203 or SPAN 206. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills one of the following: GE Area C1, GE Area C2 or GE Area C5.

SPAN 270. Selected Topics. 1-4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group study of selected topics. Open only to undergraduate students. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Conducted in Spanish. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures.
SPAN 301. Advanced Composition in Spanish. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: SPAN 203, SPAN 206, SPAN 243, or consent of instructor.


SPAN 302. Advanced Conversation and Composition in Spanish. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: SPAN 203, SPAN 206, SPAN 243, or consent of instructor.

Formal discussion of, and writing on selected cultural topics from the Spanish-speaking world. Focus on individual and group presentations and in-class writing and speaking assignments to enhance students’ vocabulary and critical thinking skills in Spanish. Conducted in Spanish. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

SPAN 303. Introduction to English-Spanish Translation. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F, W
Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; and SPAN 207 or SPAN 233 or SPAN 301 or SPAN 302 or consent of instructor.

Developing basic knowledge, skills, theories and techniques required for translation both from Spanish to English and from English to Spanish. Translating news articles, legal documents, commercial advertisements, formal letters, and literary works. Conducted in Spanish. 4 lectures.

SPAN 304. Language and Culture. 4 units
GE Area C4
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: SPAN 203, SPAN 206, SPAN 243, or consent of instructor.

Study, analysis, and critique of films from Spain and/or Latin America, organized around such topics as individual film directors or genres, national and international film traditions, migration, gender, ethnicity, and politics. Evaluation of works in their cultural contexts. The Class Schedule will list topic selected and language of instruction (English or Spanish). Total credit limited to 8 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based or online format. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills GE Area C4.

SPAN 305. Significant Works in Spanish. 4 units
GE Area C4
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; completion of one course in GE Area B1 with a grade of C- or better; and SPAN 233 or consent of instructor.

Critical analysis and oral discussion of poetry, essays, novels, plays, films, and other media by selected Hispanic authors. Conducted in Spanish. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 12 units. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area C4.

SPAN 306. Modern and Contemporary Hispanic Literature. 4 units
GE Area C4
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; completion of one course in GE Area B1 with a grade of C- or better; and SPAN 233 or consent of instructor.

Selected works to be read by students in English translation. Critical analysis, interpretation, and comparison of works by Hispanic authors. Course may include film and other media. Discussion in English. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area C4.

SPAN 307. Spanish and Latin American Film. 4 units
GE Area C4
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SU
Prerequisite: SPAN 203, SPAN 206, SPAN 243, or consent of instructor.

Study, analysis, and critique of films from Spain and/or Latin America, organized around such topics as individual film directors or genres, national and international film traditions, migration, gender, ethnicity, and politics. Evaluation of works in their cultural contexts. The Class Schedule will list topic selected and language of instruction (English or Spanish). Total credit limited to 8 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based or online format. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills GE Area C4.

SPAN 308. Literature and Visual Media. 4 units
GE Area C4
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; completion of one course in GE Area B1 with a grade of C- or better; and SPAN 233 or consent of instructor.

Introduction to Chicano/a literary accomplishments to facilitate appreciation of Chicano/a literary aesthetics and increase understanding of Chicano/a cultural values and lifestyles. Conducted in Spanish. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area C4 and USCP.

SPAN 309. Spanish and Latin American Film. 4 units
GE Area C4
Term Typically Offered: F, W
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; completion of one course in GE Area B1 with a grade of C- or better; and SPAN 233 or consent of instructor.

Study, analysis, and critique of films from Spain and/or Latin America, organized around such topics as individual film directors or genres, national and international film traditions, migration, gender, ethnicity, and politics. Evaluation of works in their cultural contexts. The Class Schedule will list topic selected and language of instruction (English or Spanish). Total credit limited to 8 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based or online format. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Fulfills GE Area C4.

SPAN 310. Chicano/a Authors. 4 units
GE Area C4; USCP
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; completion of one course in GE Area B1 with a grade of C- or better; and SPAN 233 or consent of instructor.

Directed practice with writing narrative, poetry and/or drama writing in Spanish. An examination of plot, character and theme development. Crafting of creative literature for potential publication. Conducted in Spanish. 4 lectures.

SPAN 311. Chicano/Latino Writers in the United States. 4 units
GE Area C4
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; completion of one course in GE Area B1 with a grade of C- or better; and one course in GE Area C.

Introduction to Chicano/a literary accomplishments to facilitate appreciation of Chicano/a literary aesthetics and increase understanding of Chicano/a cultural values and lifestyles. Conducted in Spanish. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area C4.

SPAN 312. Chicano/a Authors. 4 units
GE Area C4; USCP
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; completion of one course in GE Area B1 with a grade of C- or better; and one course in GE Area C.

Analysis and exploration of the major themes of Chicano/Latino literature in the United States today. Emphasis on Chicano/a, Puerto Rican, Cuban American and other U.S. Latino/a writers. All readings and discussions in English. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area C4 and USCP.

SPAN 313. Chicano/Latino Writers in the United States. 4 units
GE Area C4
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; completion of one course in GE Area B1 with a grade of C- or better; and one course in GE Area C.

Advanced study of Spanish linguistics. Topics include bilingualism and code-switching, sounds and pronunciation, word formation, grammatical structures, meaning and intention. Introduction to research methodologies in the social sciences to discuss issues of Spanish in the US, identity, race, and migration. Conducted in Spanish. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 4 lectures.
SPAN 410. Advanced Literature in Spanish. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F, W
Prerequisite: SPAN 233 or consent of instructor.

In-depth study of literature in Spanish. Specific genre, literary period, authorial group, region, or country. Chicano/Latino literature, Latin American literature, and Spanish literature. Course may include film and other media. Conducted in Spanish. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 4 lectures.

SPAN 416. Don Quixote. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: SPAN 233 or consent of instructor.

Intensive reading of Cervantes’ novel, Don Quixote (Part 1, 1605 and Part 2, 1615) in the context of Cervantes’ life and the history and social context of Spanish renaissance and baroque culture. Conducted in Spanish. 4 lectures.

SPAN 470. Selected Advanced Topics. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group study of selected topics for advanced students. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. Conducted in Spanish. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 4 lectures.

WLC Courses

WLC 101. Elementary World Language I. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Organized group instruction arranged for students who wish to acquire basic skill in a language other than English indicated by subtitle. Language taught in its intercultural context. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

WLC 102. Elementary World Language II. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: WLC 101 or consent of instructor.

Organized group instruction arranged for students who wish to acquire basic skill in a language other than English indicated by subtitle. Language taught in its intercultural context. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

WLC 103. Elementary World Language III. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: WLC 102 or consent of instructor.

Organized group instruction arranged for students who wish to acquire basic skill in a language other than English indicated by subtitle. Language taught in its intercultural context. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

WLC 200. Special Problems for Undergraduates. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Individual investigation, research, studies, or surveys of selected problems at the lower-division level. Total credit limited to 8 units.

WLC 201. Intermediate World Language I. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: WLC 103.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills within an intercultural context in a language other than English indicated by subtitle. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

WLC 202. Intermediate World Language II. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: WLC 201.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills within an intercultural context in a language other than English indicated by subtitle. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

WLC 270. Language Study Abroad. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F, SU
Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.

Acquisition of language and cultural competencies while studying abroad. Total credit limited to 12 units, with a maximum of 12 units per quarter. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

WLC 290. Selected Topics. 1-4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group study of selected topics. Open to undergraduate students. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures.

WLC 310. Humanities in World Cultures. 4 units
GE Area C4
Term Typically Offered: F,W,SP,SU
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; completion of one course in GE Area B1 with a grade of C- or better; and one course in GE Area C.

Interdisciplinary examination of the humanities in a selected culture. Special focus on the arts, literature, philosophy and language in that culture. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 12 units with different subtopic. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area C4.

WLC 312. Humanities in Chicano/a Culture. 4 units
GE Area C4; USCP
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; completion of one course in GE Area B1 with a grade of C- or better; and one course in GE Area C.

Interdisciplinary examination of humanities in Chicano culture. Special focus on the arts, literature, social situations, and the monolingual and bilingual language aspects in Chicano culture. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area C4 and USCP.
WLC 318. Culture of Spain: Activities. 2 units  
CR/NC  
Term Typically Offered: F, SU  
Prerequisite: Limited to Valladolid, Spain Fall program. Corequisite: WLC 310.  

Examination and experience of Spanish culture via participant observation in Spain. An introductory exploration of the development of Spanish architecture, art, literature, music, theatre and popular culture as experienced in Valladolid, Spain. Credit/No Credit grading only. 2 activities.

WLC 360. Research Methods in World Languages and Cultures. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: W  
Prerequisite: Junior standing; Modern Languages and Literatures major or Spanish major. Recommended: SPAN 233 and SPAN 301.  

Methods and techniques of doing research. Critical thinking and library research in languages other than English. Introduction to different senior project formats: scholarly essays, lesson planning, translations, creative works, community-based projects. 4 lectures.

WLC 370. Language, Technology and Society. 4 units  
GE Area D5  
Term Typically Offered: SP, SU  
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; completion of one course in GE Area B1 with a grade of C- or better; and one lower-division course in GE Area D.  

Focus on ways in which technology impacts language use. Characteristics of social media interactions (texting, Facebook) in different languages (e.g., Spanish, French, German, Chinese) are compared. Special attention given to linguistic diversity and the emergence of multilingual identities on digital platforms. Course may be offered in classroom-based or online format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area D5.

WLC 400. Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates. 1-4 units  
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP  
Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.  

Individual investigation, research, studies, or surveys of selected problems. Total credit limited to 8 units.

WLC 424. Methods in Teaching Languages Other Than English. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: F  
Prerequisite: Admission to the Single Subject Credential Program in World Languages.  

The development of objectives, curriculum, material and assessment tools for teaching world languages to a diverse student body in secondary schools. Theoretical and hands-on practice based on the California Standards for the Teaching Profession and state curriculum frameworks. 4 lectures.

WLC 425. World Languages Clinical Experience Seminar. 2 units  
CR/NC  
Term Typically Offered: W, SP  
Prerequisite: Admission to the Single Subject Credential Program in World Languages. Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in EDUC 469 or EDUC 479.  

Principles and practices in effective teaching of world languages at the middle and high school level, learning theories, curriculum content and structure, classroom issues, and the teaching profession. Total credit limited to 4 units. Credit/No Credit grading only. 2 seminars.

WLC 451. Latin American Studies Internship. 4-12 units  
CR/NC  
Term Typically Offered: F,W,SP, SU  
Prerequisite: Junior standing.  

Supervised work experience in a private, governmental, or non-governmental organization working in Latin America or on a critical issue related to Latin America. Student engagement in all duties and responsibilities of employees and interns engaged in comparable work. 30 hours of work experience per unit of credit. Total credit limited to 12 units. Credit/No Credit grading only.

WLC 460. Senior Project. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP  
Prerequisite: WLC 360, advanced composition in primary and/or secondary language, senior standing and consent of instructor.  

Selection and completion of a project under faculty mentorship. Projects represent individual, well-defined problems and potential solutions that reflect pertinent scholarly activity in the field of modern languages and literatures, with special emphasis in one of the languages/cultures taught in the department. Total credit limited to 4 units.

WLC 470. Selected Advanced Topics. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: TBD  
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.  

Directed group study of selected topics for advanced students. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. The Class Schedule will list topic selected and language of instruction. Total credit limited to 8 units. 4 lectures.