

# MODERN LANGUAGES, B.A.

## Objectives

The aim of the Modern Languages Major is twofold: to enable students to develop proficiency in the four language skills—aural, oral, speaking, and writing—in two modern languages (Concentration A and Concentration B), and to develop cultural literacy. Two of the following languages offered in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures can be combined for the Modern Languages major: Chinese, French, German, Italian, and Spanish. Students start Concentration A at least in the third semester (CHIN 2103 Chinese 3, FREN 2103 French 3, GRMN 2103 German 3, ITAL 2103 Italian 3, SPAN 2103 Spanish 3) and Concentration B at least in the first semester (CHIN 1101 Chinese 1, FREN 2101 French 1, GRMN 2101 German 1, ITAL 2101 Italian 1, SPAN 2101 Spanish 1).

Through a structured and carefully planned group of course offerings and a strong recommendation to participate for a semester or a summer in study abroad programs, the Modern Languages Major will prepare students for a world in which intercultural understanding provides the basis for mutual respect, global harmony, and social justice.

The program will encourage and advise students to embark in study abroad experiences, research opportunities, extracurricular activities, and community-based learning opportunities that will prepare them to speak, understand, and write two foreign languages as well as linguistically analyze them, to know the principal aspects of some of the cultures where those languages are spoken, and to exercise intercultural awareness.

The major is highly desirable for those interested in international communications and access to immigrant populations, in areas including but not limited to business, teaching, social work, theology, law, theatre, and the visual arts. Competence in more than one foreign language, a keen awareness of cultures, and an understanding of the structure of language itself is a compelling combination of skills that will prepare the student for employment in a globalized economy.

Modern Languages majors who have German in their choice of languages and a minimum GPA of 3.5 are eligible once per year for the Conrad Lester merit-based scholarship.

Students who need more semester hours to complete the Modern Languages major due to their initial language placement must take additional upper division elective courses in that language concentration. If no upper division elective courses in the language are offered by the Department of Modern Languages and Literature, students may fulfill up to four credits by taking a course offered outside the Department in the appropriate cultural studies area. Students must have pre-approval from the Modern Languages Program Coordinator and the Department Chair *prior* to taking a course.

## Modern Languages Student Learning Outcomes

Modern Languages majors will know:

- The principal aspects of two foreign languages and cultures
- The tools to analyze languages and cultures
- The principal aspects of two cultures and civilizations through the study of their cultural productions such as literature, art, social practices, and media.

Modern Languages majors will be able to:

- Speak, understand, and write two foreign languages as well as linguistically analyze them
- Read a variety of texts in two languages and discuss their content, technique, and cultural significance.

Modern Languages majors will be able to demonstrate that they value:

- Two distinct cultures and civilizations and their cultural productions
- Increasing intercultural awareness
- Multilingualism and the world it opens up for them.

## Major Requirements

A minimum grade of C (2.0) is required in all lower division courses taken for the major's A and B language concentration areas.

A minimum grade of C (2.0) must be maintained in all upper division courses taken for the major's A and B language concentration areas.

A minimum grade of C (2.0) is required in both MDLG required courses (MDLG 3400 Linguistics and FNLT 4200 Comparative Cultures or MDLG 4400 Applied Linguistics).

This minimum grade requirement applies to courses taken from the Department's Chinese, French, German, Italian, and Spanish program offerings; to pre-approved (by the MDLG Coordinator and Department Chair) LMU courses taken outside the Department; and to any pre-approved LMU or non-LMU Study Abroad program courses where letter grades are given.

The minimum grade requirement of C (2.0) applies to any course substitution. A course substitution must be approved by the Modern Language Program Coordinator and Department Chair prior to the student taking the course. Note that permission is granted only in extraordinary cases.

Code	Title	Semester Hours
<b>Lower Division Requirements</b>		
Select 24 semester hours consisting of a selection of courses in two concentrations <sup>1</sup>		24
<i>Chinese</i>		
CHIN 1101	Chinese 1	
CHIN 1102	Chinese 2	
CHIN 2103	Chinese 3	
CHIN 2104	Chinese 4	
<i>French</i>		
FREN 2101	French 1	
FREN 2102	French 2	
FREN 2103	French 3	
FREN 2104	French 4	
<i>German</i>		
GRMN 2101	German 1	
GRMN 2102	German 2	
GRMN 2103	German 3	
GRMN 2104	German 4	
<i>Italian</i>		
ITAL 2101	Italian 1	

ITAL 2102	Italian 2	
ITAL 2103	Italian 3	
ITAL 2104	Italian 4	
<i>Spanish</i>		
SPAN 2101	Spanish 1	
SPAN 2102	Spanish 2	
SPAN 2103	Spanish 3	
	or SPAN 211 Spanish 3 for Latino Students	
SPAN 2804	Stylistics and Composition	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>24</b>
<b>Upper Division Requirements</b>		
Select 33 semester hours in upper division courses		<b>33</b>
<i>Chinese</i>		
CHIN 3105	Chinese 5 (required)	
CHIN 3106	Chinese 6 (required)	
	One (1) upper division CHIN elective	
<i>French</i>		
FREN 3240	History of Ideas (required)	
FREN 3450	Stylistics and Translation (required)	
FREN 3850	Writing Workshop in French (required)	
<i>German</i>		
GRMN 3105	Mastery of German (required)	
	Two (2) upper division GRMN courses	
<i>Italian</i>		
	Three (3) upper division ITAL courses	
<i>Spanish</i>		
SPAN 3410	Spanish Linguistics 1: Sounds and Words (required)	
SPAN 3510	Introduction to Hispanic Literatures (required)	
	Select one of the following:	
SPAN 3431	Spanish Linguistics 2: Structure and Variation	
SPAN 3521	Survey of Latin American Literature	
SPAN 3541	Survey of Peninsular Spanish Literature	
MDLG 3400	Linguistics (required)	
MDLG 4400	Applied Linguistics	
	or FNLT 420(Comparative Cultures	
MDLG 4990	Senior Capstone Project	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>33</b>
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>57</b>

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Students start Concentration A at least in the third semester (CHIN 2103 Chinese 3, FREN 2103 French 3, GRMN 2103 German 3, ITAL 2103 Italian 3, SPAN 2103 Spanish 3) and Concentration B at least in the first semester (CHIN 1101 Chinese 1, FREN 2101 French 1, GRMN 2101 German 1, ITAL 2101 Italian 1, SPAN 2101 Spanish 1).

## Modern Languages Model Four-Year Plan

The normal course load is 16 semester hours per semester (4 classes). By following the model below, a student will complete all lower division core requirements by the end of the sophomore year as well as all major prerequisites. Note that core areas are suggested to provide a distribution of various disciplines every semester. Please be flexible implementing

these suggestions, given your own interests and course availability. In four years, this plan meets all common graduation requirements.

Course	Title	Semester Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Concentration A 2103		4
Concentration B 2101		4
FFYS 1000	First Year Seminar	4
University Core		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>15-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Select one of the following:		4
Concentration A 2104		
SPAN 2804	Stylistics and Composition (for SPAN)	
Concentration B 2102		4
RHET 1000	Rhetorical Arts	3-4
University Core		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>14-16</b>
<b>Sophomore Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Concentration A Upper Division		4
Concentration B 2103		4
University Core		3-4
Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>14-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Concentration A Upper Division		4
Select one of the following:		4
Concentration B 2104		
SPAN 2804	Stylistics and Composition (for SPAN)	
University Core		3-4
University Core		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>14-16</b>
<b>Junior Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
MDLG 3400	Linguistics	4
Concentration A Upper Division		4
Concentration B Upper Division		4
University Core		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>15-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Concentration B Upper Division		4
University Core		3-4
Elective		3-4
Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>13-16</b>
<b>Senior Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
MDLG 4400	Applied Linguistics	4
	or FNLT 4200 or Comparative Cultures	
Concentration B Upper Division		4
University Core		3-4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>14-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
MDLG 4990	Senior Capstone Project	1
University Core		3-4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
Elective		3-4

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Semester Hours	13-17
Minimum Semester Hours	112-129