

Modern Languages

- French
- German
- Spanish
- Spanish Business



Our Program

Modern Languages at Messiah College offers programs of study in the language, literature, and culture of the respective countries that the languages represent. The program is designed to develop linguistic competence and critical skills as well as a profound appreciation of the culture and civilization of the world.

The language courses provide solid preparation and practice in spoken and written areas including a thorough review of grammar and vocabulary supplemented with cultural readings and activities. The beginning courses prepare students for advanced work in literature and cultural studies while improving competence in the language. The 200-level courses treat a selection of outstanding works in various periods and genres. Some of the 200-level classes are devoted to advanced language training and afford practice in spoken and written work. Others consider the political, social, and cultural histories of the peoples that the language represents. Advanced courses deal intensively with individual authors or periods of special significance.

Students in all of the languages are encouraged to speak the language at all times. All of the classes are taught in Spanish, French, or German and they are supplemented with outside activities to promote instruction. Many students are able to obtain an internship in their senior year in order to further their study. Study at Messiah is supplemented with an intensive semester with the Brethren Colleges Abroad program in a country which the language represents. Residence in this program is required for one semester, and many students spend the full junior year abroad.



Statement of Beliefs

We believe that all students benefit from development of second language ability, that successful second language instruction forms an integral part of the core curriculum, and that second language ability is a vital component in the development of an individual.

Goals that reflect our statement of beliefs include:

- All students benefit from development of second language ability, and they should have the opportunity to develop language skills in sequential levels.
- Successful second language instruction forms an integral part of the core curriculum, and it promotes interactive communication.
- Second language ability is a vital component in the development of an individual, and it enables people to achieve a working ability to communicate with speakers of at least one modern language other than English.



Study Abroad

To ensure linguistic and cultural proficiency, each language major spends at least one semester abroad with the Brethren Colleges Abroad Program in the country which the language represents.

Spanish majors study for at least one semester in Barcelona, Spain, or Quito, Ecuador. Typically, students take an average of 15-16 credits per semester during their third year of college study. Our students choose from a wide selection of courses in Spanish literature, linguistics, history, political science, and art.

German majors at Messiah College complete their upper division course work at Philipps-Universität in Marburg, Germany. Most majors spend two semesters at Marburg.

French majors must study abroad for at least one semester, preferably two, at either Strasbourg or Nancy, France.

Spanish Business

A recent and exciting addition to the curriculum at Messiah College is the Spanish business major.

The Spanish business major was created in response to a very real need in the business and industrial sectors. Demand for applicants with business skills who can speak Spanish and who have a good understanding of the cultures of South and Central America and Spain has multiplied in recent years. This demand is expected to continue to grow as new international trade agreements are made, particularly in our American hemisphere.

The major is attractive to students interested primarily in business and who understand the advantages that a knowledge of Spanish brings to their credentials. Of course, it is also a good option for those who have a passion for the Spanish language and Hispanic literature and culture and who recognize the advantages of a combination of this knowledge with a high-demand business degree. Whether chiefly interested in business or Spanish, upon graduation the Spanish business major will be well prepared to enter an exciting international career.

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From the Faculty

At Messiah College, the modern language faculty work hard to help students discover the world in all its complexity.

Many students agree that to master a second language and to understand and have insight into the artistic and cultural heritage of other peoples of the world is integral to a liberal arts education. Yet sometimes students question, "Are these activities worthwhile and marketable?"

The source of this question rests on the shaky assumption that success in life depends on learning how to do a specific job and then spending one's life doing it well. We would argue, on the contrary, that success is not achieved by learning a set of facts and skills that belong to a certain profession, but in learning how to interact with people, how to search for new information, how to be a critical thinker, a competent writer and a citizen of the global world today. These are skills which adapt to changing vocations throughout a lifetime.

In a society perpetually in change, Christian thinkers who can adapt to change are more in demand than graduates who have single-mindedly plodded on to one career goal. The disciplines in this department teach students how to learn in myriad ways, think creatively, speak clearly, read critically, and interact with others from around the world. Graduates who possess these skills are prepared to adapt to change. Employers repeatedly tell us, "If you teach students to think well, write persuasively, read knowledgeably, and learn a second language, we will train them for this particular job."

Each of our faculty wants to help students achieve these goals. In the modern languages our professors routinely use senior language majors to teach their first- and second-year peers along with them.

Times change, but to think cogently and to express oneself well in another language are abilities that not only enrich the soul, but are essential qualities in the competitive workplace. We welcome you to consider spending these crucial years with us. The faculty in this department make every effort to create a learning environment that pushes students to struggle and to learn, not only from the professors, but from professors from around the world as well. In the junior

year experience, native language professors are always your professors.

We wish you God's best as you wrestle with your college choice and we hope that you choose Messiah College.

TESOL Minor

English is the most widely studied second language in the world.

Throughout the U.S. and around the globe there is a growing demand for native speakers of English with training in TESOL—Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. Messiah's TESOL minor combines courses in English, teaching methods, applied linguistics, anthropology, and sociology to prepare students for a broad range of service and professional opportunities available to them.

At Messiah, in-class training is combined with practical experience.

Thus, students in the TESOL minor have helped immigrants and international students from Bosnia, Vietnam,

Cuba, Uganda, China, Mexico, Ecuador, and a host of other countries. They have observed and participated in English instruction at all levels—from pre-kindergarten to adult education, even traveling to China to gain practical experience while serving.

Careers & Vocation

Students with advanced training in modern languages and cultures have an important edge in today's increasingly international job market.

They often go on to successful careers in banking and business, government and diplomacy, education, travel, the Peace Corps, mission work, telecommunications, and human services among other fields. K-12 teaching certification is also available for a teaching degree.

Placement

All students who have taken Spanish, French, or German at other institutions and are planning to enroll in these classes must take a placement examination.

The exam is administered by the department during first-year orientation for the entire incoming class. Students will be placed on the appropriate level to begin study.

Modern language classes are taught in a communicative approach and in the target language. Students are encouraged to use the language from the beginning of the learning

process. Several communication-type activities such as role playing, games, and oral performance are implemented in order to use intuitive, social, and psychomotor skills.

About Messiah

A Messiah College education will challenge your intellect, mold your character, and press you to examine your faith. A private, four-year Christian college, Messiah College offers you a world of opportunities.

You'll share your college experience with other inquisitive students, learning together from professors who are deeply involved in teaching and the emerging scholarship of their fields.

Your college endeavors may include everything from debating in the classroom to researching with the latest lab equipment, from pushing yourself on the athletic field to lifting your voice with a music ensemble, from caving during an Outdoors Club trip to soaring in the skies with our Flying Club, from sharing in your residence hall to serving in nearby towns, cities, and around the world.

And when you graduate, you'll join our nearly 15,000 alumni who are changing the world in every field imaginable. Our alumni are shaping policy in Washington, D.C., reporting on world events, practicing accounting with top firms, and completing graduate degrees at places like Oxford, Yale, Duke, and Harvard. They're working in inner cities and serving with ministries both in the United States and abroad.

Founded in 1909, Messiah College enrolls 2,900 full-time students who are pursuing degrees in more than 50 majors and pre-professional programs. Our main campus is located in Grantham, Pennsylvania, just ten miles southwest of Harrisburg, the state capital. We're also just a few hours from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C.

Messiah College is a place for wonder, growth, achievement, and opportunity. But don't just take our word for it. Come see for yourself!

Messiah College does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, age, disability, or national or ethnic origin.



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