Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (LAN)

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Programs Offered

MA Languages, Literatures, and Cultures and Graduate Certificate in Instructional Technology in World Languages

The Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures offers a flexible program leading to the Master of Arts in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures with a focus in either teaching or non-teaching areas. Students may concentrate on either French or Spanish. Subject to departmental approval, it is also possible to take up to three graduate courses in other departments or through study abroad. Within the particular language concentration students must choose one of two areas of emphasis: (1) Literary and Cultural Studies, or (2) Theoretical and Applied Linguistics. Instruction in courses is generally carried out in the language of concentration, with the exception of the core courses.

Program Requirements

This 33 hour program requires:
- 9 credit hours of core courses; select 3 courses from the following: LAN 405, 475 or 480, 485, 490
- 9 credit hours in the area of emphasis (French Literary and Cultural Studies; French Theoretical and Applied Linguistics; Spanish Literary and Cultural Studies; Spanish Theoretical and Applied Linguistics)
- 18 credit hours in the language of concentration (per multi-state teaching requirements); Select courses in French (includes 300 or 400 level courses labeled FRE) or Spanish (includes 300 or 400 level courses labeled SPA)
- sufficient electives to complete a minimum of 33 credit hours of coursework with an average 3.0 GPA
- all candidates must pass a comprehensive exam or complete a master’s thesis (LAN 499)

French Concentration with Area of Emphasis:

French Literary and Culture Studies (at least 9 hours): FRE 305, 314, 325, 327, 328, 385, 386, 405, 420, 450, 460; LAN 405, 490

or

French Theoretical and Applied Linguistics (at least 9 hours): FRE 335, 340, 341; LAN 319, 320, 321, 350, 475, 480

Spanish Concentration with Area of Emphasis:

Spanish Literary and Culture Studies (at least 9 hours): SPA 305, 323, 324, 326, 327, 336, 337, 385, 405, 411, 415, 418, 431, 434, 470, 484; LAN 405, 490

or

Spanish Theoretical and Applied Linguistics (at least 9 hours): SPA 310, 311, 360, 370, 421, 425; LAN 319, 320, 321, 350, 475, 480

NOTE: Individual courses may count in multiple categories; for instance, FRE 405 simultaneously fulfills hours in primary language, 400-level non-thesis, area of emphasis for French Literature/Culture, and total hours. All master’s degree programs require a minimum of 50 percent of the non-thesis credit hours applied to the degree to be 400-level courses or above.

With the approval of the graduate coordinator, electives may include up to 9 credits of 300 or 400 level graduate courses from other departments (note that not all 300-level courses in other departments count for graduate credit; check the graduate catalog for graduate credit designation).

Graduate Certificate in Instructional Technology in World Languages

Designed to offer knowledge of instructional technology in the teaching of foreign/second languages. Nine (9) hours are required to earn the certificate, which include the following: one required course LAN 321 (3 hours); two elective courses (6 hours) from: TCH 401, 432, 438. Graduate standing and a grade of B or better in coursework are required.

Study Abroad

Students may count up to nine hours of approved courses from outside the department, including study abroad, toward degree requirements. Financial assistance for the semester abroad is usually available on a competitive basis, subject to availability of funds. The study-abroad opportunity should be discussed with the Graduate Advisor during the student's first semester in the program.

Language of Instruction in Courses in the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures:

Because the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures promotes the acquisition of world languages, the official language of instruction and class discussion will be the language of study in the majority of cases. Courses with the LAN prefix are taught in English.

The language of instruction is designated on the registration system by subject abbreviation and course title. LAN is for English; FRE is for French; GER is for German; and SPA is for Spanish.
General LAN Courses:  
coursefinder.illinoisstate.edu/directory/lan/

French Courses:  
coursefinder.illinoisstate.edu/directory/fre/

German Courses:  
coursefinder.illinoisstate.edu/directory/ger/

Spanish Courses:  
coursefinder.illinoisstate.edu/directory/spa/

All Courses:  
coursefinder.illinoisstate.edu/directory/