Welcome to Marquette, and the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures! We are nearly forty educators who teach eight different languages, from Arabic to Spanish. All of us are committed to language skills for real communication, and classroom experiences that stimulate, challenge and broaden our students’ world.

The Department offers eight languages: Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Classical Greek, Italian, Latin and Spanish. Whether you are beginning our studies in a new language, or continuing one begun in high school, you’ll discover that your language classes target useful communicative skills and open new perspectives on the world, including your own. Your first Marquette language class may have you chatting in real time with learners in Latin America, France, or Asia using our Global Virtual Immersion. You’ll find that our courses range across subjects as diverse as “Late Roman Literature,” "The Art of Genocide: Holocaust, Cambodia Rwanda," and "Murder, Mystery and the New Detective Narrative in Hispanic Literature.” This diversity reflects our faculty, which includes internationally known scholars, and educators recognized for excellence in teaching, advising and community service. But we know our students, and every semester faculty discover new ways to integrate language learning, community and social activities.

Our majors include Classical Languages, Classical Studies, French, German, Spanish Language and Literature, Spanish for the Professions: Business or Health Professions. It’s relatively easy to combine a major (or minor) in a foreign language with a second major—international affairs, international business, biochemistry, biology, history, philosophy—and continue on to pursue careers in law, medicine, business, education, public service—the combinations are many! Arabic, Chinese and Italian are taught through the intermediate level, but also include courses in civilization and literature in English translation. (The majority of our literature offerings are part of the Marquette University Core of Common Studies.)

Our graduates find their way to careers as diverse as the world today. Wherever their path leads, the ability to use other people’s language has given it a sure beginning. Browse our website to meet our faculty and staff, explore the work we do and the courses where we will meet. We look forward to having you become part of our community of global learners!

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The goal of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures is to place students in the most appropriate level of foreign language study based on their previous exposure to the language. Refer to the university section (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/previousbulletins/2015-16/undergrad/academicregulations/#placementinforeignlanguagescourses) of this bulletin: Placement in Foreign Language Courses; Foreign Language Requirement; and Placement Credit in Foreign Languages.