

# Languages, Literatures and Cultures

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Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures website

Welcome to Marquette, and the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures! By learning languages, literatures and cultures, our students...

- empower themselves, expand their communities, and explore the world.
- consider how identities are forged and negotiated through language and representation.
- analyze how societies create otherness to reflect their own values.
- examine power structures to learn how to question them.
- uncover linguistic and cultural hierarchies to promote justice.
- challenge class, gender, and racial inequities to foster inclusivity.

The department offers nine languages: American Sign Language, 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. You'll find that our courses range across subjects as diverse as "How to Be a Cynic: Life According to Nature," "Postcolonial Francophone African Cinema in English," and "Writing Nature: Environmental Justice in Contemporary Latin American 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 term faculty discover new ways to integrate language learning, community and social activities.

Our majors and minors include Classical Languages, Classical Studies, French, German, Spanish Language and Literature, Spanish for the Professions: Business or Health Professions, Arabic Language and Culture Studies and Italian Language and Culture Studies. It's relatively easy to combine a major (or minor) in a 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 advanced intermediate level, but also include courses in civilization and literature in English translation.

The Klingler College of Arts and Sciences also offers the following interdisciplinary areas of study for those students who would like to combine their language skills with other disciplines:

- Arab and Muslim American Studies minor (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/arabandmuslimamericanstudies/#minortext>)
- Asian Studies minor (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/asianstudies/>)
- Latin American Studies major and minor (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/latinamericanstudies/>)
- Latinx Studies minor (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/latinxstudies/>)
- Middle East and North Africa Studies major and minor (<https://www.marquette.edu/explore/major-middle-east-and-north-africa-studies.php>)

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 (<https://www.marquette.edu/languages-literatures-cultures/>) to meet our faculty and staff, explore the work we do and the courses where we meet. We look forward to having you become part of our community of global learners!

## Placement in Language Courses (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/academicregulations/#secondlanguagecourseplacement>)

The goal of the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures is to place students in the most appropriate level of language study based on their previous exposure to the language. Refer to the university section (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/academicregulations/#secondlanguagecourseplacement>) of this bulletin: Placement in Language Courses; Language Requirement; and Placement Credit in Languages.