

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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The mission of the Department of Foreign Languages and International Studies is to help students attain a state of intellectual freedom that enables them to grow personally, socially, and professionally. The department works to develop students' learning skills in foreign languages; to teach students to communicate effectively; to foster cultural understanding, tolerance and world perspective; and to prepare students to live in a global society.

The Department of Foreign Languages and International Studies offers programs of study leading to a baccalaureate degree in French, German, Spanish, and International Studies. The programs are designed to prepare students to communicate effectively in another language, as well as live, study, or work in international settings. Study or work abroad opportunities, either as part of or after the four-year program, will be available to students. The programs are supported by the most up-to-date technology, available to students in the Foreign Language Lab located in Dean Hall and Pendergraft Library. Departmental majors will be prepared to pursue graduate degrees and a variety of careers in business and industry, communication, education, foreign service, government, and public relations.

Tech is one of only two universities in Arkansas offering a comprehensive foreign language program. Students may choose a degree program in French, German, and Spanish; pursue studies in Chinese, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Latin, and Russian; or complete a minor in French, German, Japanese, Italian/Latin, Latin American/Latino studies with language proficiency, Latin American/Latino studies without language proficiency, and Spanish.

Foreign Languages

The degree program in Foreign Languages requires 34 hours in a foreign language. The student's credit by examination and course work must total 34 semester hours.

Foreign Language majors may pursue teacher licensure in French, German, and Spanish. The curricula for teacher licensure in French, German, and Spanish are printed in the catalog section of the School of Education.

Students with previous foreign language experience may petition the Department of Foreign Languages and International Studies for advanced placement and credit. Petitioners will be given written and/or oral examinations by a foreign language faculty member who will then recommend an appropriate foreign language placement level. This placement level will not exceed FR 3013, GER 3013, GRK 2023, JPN 2024, LAT 2013, or SPAN 3013, and will be approved by the department chair. Students who have omitted one or more courses in the basic language sequence will receive credit for omitted courses when they have validated their advanced placement by passing the course into which they are placed with a grade of "C" or better.

Students have the opportunity to attend universities abroad for a semester or an academic year (see the catalog entry under Student Exchange Opportunities).

Student advising is an important part of the programs. Departmental majors will work closely with their faculty advisors to assure successful academic progress.

Curriculum in Foreign Languages
(BA Degree with Concentration in French, German, or Spanish)

	Hours
Freshman Year	
English Composition I, II (ENGL 1013, 1023) ¹	6
Science ¹	4
World Civilization I, II (HIST 1503, 1513) ¹	6
Mathematics (MATH 1103 or 1113) ¹	3
Physical Activity ¹	2
Beginning Language I, II (FR, GER, SPAN 1014, 1024) ^{2, 3}	8
Fine Arts ¹	3
Total	32
Sophomore Year	
Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 2003)	3
Science ¹	4
Intermediate Language I, II (FR, GER, SPAN 2014, 2024) ^{2, 3}	8
Electives ⁴	15
Total	30
Junior Year	
Introduction to World or American Literature (ENGL 2003 or 2013)	3
U.S. History (HIST 2003 or 2013)	3
Conversation and Composition I, II (FR, GER, SPAN 3003, 3013)	6
Introduction to Linguistics (FR, GER, SPAN 3023)	3
Culture and Civilization (FR, GER 3113, SPAN 3123 or 3133)	3
Electives ⁴	12
Total	30
Senior Year	
Foreign Language Literature (FR, GER, SPAN 4213, 4223)	6
Electives ⁴	26
Total	32

¹See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "General Education Requirements" on page 72.

²Students with previous study in a foreign language should refer to Foreign Language Advanced Placement and Credit under Credit by Examination.

³Lab attendance is required for the beginning and intermediate foreign language courses.

⁴At least 40 of the total hours required for graduation must be 3000-4000 level.

The minor in French is designed for foreign language majors who would like to study an additional language and for students who cannot complete a major in a foreign language, but for employment or other considerations, would like to obtain some basic foreign language competencies and be familiar with the culture of the target language. The minor in French requires 17 hours of courses (all course prerequisites must be met first):

- FR 2014 Intermediate French I
- FR 2024 Intermediate French II
- FR 3003 Conversation and Composition I
- FR 3013 Conversation and Composition II
- FR 3113 Culture and Civilization

**Minor
French**

**Minor
German**

The minor in German is designed for foreign language majors who would like to study an additional language and for students who cannot complete a major in a foreign language, but for employment or other considerations, would like to obtain some basic foreign language competencies and be familiar with the culture of the target language. The minor in German requires 17 hours of courses (all course prerequisites must be met first):

GER 2014 Intermediate German I
GER 2024 Intermediate German II
GER 3003 Conversation and Composition I
GER 3013 Conversation and Composition II
GER 3113 Culture and Civilization

**Minor
Japanese**

The minor in Japanese is designed for foreign language majors who would like to study an additional language and for students who cannot complete a major in a foreign language, but for employment or other considerations, would like to obtain some basic foreign language competencies and be familiar with the culture of the target language. The minor in Japanese requires 17 hours of courses (all course prerequisites must be met first):

JPN 2014 Intermediate Japanese I
JPN 2024 Intermediate Japanese II
JPN 3003 Conversation and Composition I
JPN 3013 Conversation and Composition II
JPN 3113 Culture and Civilization

**Minor
Italian/Latin**

The minor in Latin/Italian is designed for foreign language majors who would like to study an additional language and for students who cannot complete a major in a foreign language, but for employment or other considerations, would like to obtain some basic foreign language competencies and be familiar with the culture of the target language. The minor in Latin requires 17 hours of courses (all course prerequisites must be met first):

LAT 1013 Beginning Latin I
LAT 1023 Beginning Latin II
ITAL 2014 Intermediate Italian I
ITAL 2024 Intermediate Italian II
ITAL 3113 Culture and Civilization

**Minor
Latin American/Latino
Studies with language
proficiency**

The minor in Latin American and Latino Studies with language proficiency is designed for students who wish to obtain a sufficient background about the Spanish speaking populations in Arkansas and the United States. This minor will be particularly valuable to students who are already bilingual and who plan to work with native Spanish speakers in the health fields, law enforcement, education, and the service sectors. The minor in Latin American and Latino Studies with language proficiency requires 18 hours of courses (all course prerequisites must be met first):

HIST 3313 Colonial Latin America
HIST 3323 Modern Latin America
HIST 4133 Latinos in the United States

and 9 hours selected from the following:

SPAN 3123 Spanish Civilization and Culture
SPAN 3133 Spanish-American Civilization and Culture
SPAN 3143 Contemporary Hispanic Culture Immersion Experiences or
SPAN 3153 Hispanic Cultural Heritage Immersion Experiences
SPAN 4213 Spanish Literature
SPAN 4223 Spanish-American Literature

SPAN 4803 Foreign Language Internship
SPAN 4991-3 Special Problems in Spanish

The minor in Latin American and Latino Studies without language proficiency is designed for students who wish to obtain a sufficient background about the Spanish speaking populations in Arkansas and the United States, but who do not wish to major in either history or Spanish. This minor will be particularly valuable to students who plan to work with native Spanish speakers in the health fields, law enforcement, education, and the service sectors. The minor in Latin American and Latino Studies without language proficiency requires 19 hours of courses (all course prerequisites must be met first):

ANTH 3233 MesoAmerican Archeology
GEOG 3303 Geography of Latin America
HIST 3313 Colonial Latin America
HIST 3323 Modern Latin America
HIST 4133 Latinos in the United States
SPAN 1024 Beginning Spanish II

The minor in Spanish is designed for foreign language majors who would like to study an additional language and for students who cannot complete a major in a foreign language, but for employment or other considerations, would like to obtain some basic foreign language competencies and be familiar with the culture of the target language. The minor in Spanish requires 17 hours of courses (all course prerequisites must be met first):

SPAN 2014 Intermediate Spanish I
SPAN 2024 Intermediate Spanish II
SPAN 3003 Conversation and Composition I
SPAN 3013 Conversation and Composition II or SPAN 3113 Business Spanish
SPAN 3133 Spanish-American Civilization and Culture

The International Studies program is interdisciplinary. The Degree Program in International Studies requires, in addition to the general education core and electives, 27 hours in an area of concentration of the student's choosing, 30 hours of courses selected from an International Studies Core and 9 hours in a foreign language above the 2000 level. Students may select the 27 hours in an area of concentration from any of the departmental majors offered at Tech. All courses need to be in the area of concentration. Students must follow the established course sequence and prerequisite requirements already defined in the catalog.

International Studies majors will have two faculty advisors. The Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and International Studies will supervise the general education, foreign language and international studies requirements, and an advisor in the student's area of concentration will supervise the discipline requirements.

International Studies majors who choose a foreign language as an area of concentration must complete the foreign language requirement of 9 hours above the 2000 level in a second foreign language. Students with previous foreign language experience may petition the Department of Foreign Languages and International Studies for advanced placement and credit. Petitioners will be given written and/or oral examinations by a foreign language faculty member who will then recommend an appropriate foreign language placement level. This placement level will not exceed FR 3013, GER 3013, GRK 2023, JPN 2024, LAT 2013, or SPAN 3013, and will be approved by the department chair. Students who have omitted one or more courses in the basic language sequence will receive credit for omitted courses when they have validated their advanced placement by passing the course into which they are placed with a grade of "C" or better.

**Minor
Latin American/Latino
Studies without language
proficiency**

**Minor
Spanish**

International Studies

One of the unique features of the International Studies program is the paid internship opportunities for its graduates. Qualified students, graduating with an overall grade point average of "B" or better, will receive assistance in obtaining paid internships or job placements with international companies and organizations.

International Studies Degree Requirements	Hours
General Education Requirements	37
English Composition I, II (ENGL 1013, 1023) ¹	6
Fine Arts ¹	3
Humanities (ENGL 2003 or ENGL 2013)	3
Mathematics (MATH 1113)	3
Physical Activity ¹	2
Science ¹	8
Social Sciences (HIST 1503, 1513, POLS 2003 and AMST 2003)	12
Area of Concentration	27
International Studies Requirements	30
Introduction to Computer Based Systems (COMS 1003)	3
Speech (SPH 2003 or SPH 2173)	3
Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 2003)	3
Ethics (PHIL 3023)	3
Comparative Government, International Relations, Current Issues in Global Politics, or Modern European Political Theory (POLS 3403, 3413, 4403, or HIST 3463)	6
Europe in the Twentieth Century, History of Russia, The Modern Far East, or History of Modern Africa (HIST 3323, 4443, 4463, 4603, or 4703)	3
Regional Geography of the World, Geography of Latin America, or Geography of Asia (GEOG 2013, 3303, or 3703)	3
Religions of the World, Modern Philosophy, or Contemporary Philosophy (PHIL 2013, 3013, or 3113)	3
Principles of Economics, General Psychology, or Introductory Sociology (Econ 2003, PSY 2003, or SOC 1003)	3
Foreign Language Requirements (must be in one foreign language 3000 or 4000 level)	9
Electives²	21
Total	124

¹See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "General Education Requirements" on page 72.

² At least 40 of the total hours required for graduation must be 3000-4000 level courses.