

MAJOR IN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES

The Languages, Literatures, and Cultures major teaches students to read, write, speak, and think critically in another language. Through extensive study in any one of our language and culture offerings, students deepen their understanding of how multilingualism shapes identity, thought, and social interaction. They develop their ability to think and communicate across cultural boundaries. Faculty expertise allows students to explore diverse cultural narratives, literary traditions, and global perspectives while gaining a deeper understanding of the USA, Colorado, and their own cultural heritages.

Especially tailored for double majors, our program prepares graduates to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world. Whether pursuing careers in education, international business, law, translation, public service, or the arts, students emerge as adaptable thinkers and effective communicators equipped to navigate cultural difference with empathy and understanding. Through study abroad, research opportunities, and community engagement, the Languages, Literatures, and Cultures major empowers students to connect language learning with lived experience and to become active participants in the global exchange of ideas.

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of the program of study, students will be able to:

1. Apply communicative oral or expressive skills in the target language, including grammatical accuracy, correct use of tense, fluency, appropriate intonation, suitable vocabulary and discourse devices for expressing opinions or when giving research presentations.
2. Make use of communicative writing skills in the target language, including clarity of ideas, grammatical accuracy and appropriate vocabulary, adequate elaboration of ideas through a variety of sentence structures and vocabulary, and logical flow of ideas through the use of discourse organizational devices.
3. Analyze literary and cultural texts of the target language, including demonstrating an ability to formulate and present a topic of inquiry, to critically analyze the topic with valid supporting evidence, and to cogently synthesize and summarize the ideas in bibliographical sources and the results of their own analytical inquiry.
4. Demonstrate an increased sensitivity to and appreciation of cultural and linguistic differences.

Study Abroad

The department strongly encourages education or other experiences abroad and has exchange agreements in place with universities in

several countries. Students should visit the department prior to studying abroad for clarification on course transfers. Information is available through Education Abroad (<http://educationabroad.colostate.edu/>).

Potential Occupations

Available career choices include, but are not limited to: bilingual educator, foreign language teacher, translation/interpretation, linguist, civil service, foreign service and diplomacy, medical fields, social services, immigration/naturalization, journalism/broadcasting, customs, banking, import/exports, sales/customer service, publishing, international business, international nonprofit organizations, government/military intelligence, global tourism.

Accelerated Program

The Spanish for the Professions track includes an **accelerated program option** for students to graduate on a faster schedule. Accelerated Programs typically include 15-16 credits each fall and spring semester for three years, plus 6-9 credits over two to three summer sessions. Students who enter CSU with prior credit (AP, IB, transfer, etc.) may use applicable courses to further accelerate their graduation. Visit the Office of the Provost website for additional information about **Accelerated Programs**.

Teaching Endorsement

The Teacher Preparation Program is a non-degree program; bachelor degrees in education are not awarded. Students interested in pursuing a teaching license through CSU may refer to Educator Preparation (<https://www.chhs.colostate.edu/soe/center-for-educator-preparation/>) and the School of Education (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/education/>) section for general information.

- Teaching Endorsement (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/foreign-languages-literatures/languages-literature-cultures-major-teaching-endorsement/>)

Change of Major

To change your major to Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, you can either call the College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Center (<https://advising.libarts.colostate.edu/>) at 970-491-3117, or send them an email (cla_advising@colostate.edu).

Requirements Effective Fall 2026

Students must earn a minimum grade of C (a grade of C- is not acceptable) in each course that carries the LASL, LCHI, LFRE, LGEN, LGER, LJPN, LKOR, LRUS, or LSPA subject code for it to count toward completion of the major.

Freshman

		AUCC	Credits
CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)	1A	3
L*** 100: First-Year Language Study			5
L*** 101: First-Year Language Study			5
Select one course from the following:			3
LARA 250	Introduction to Arabic Cultures (GT-AH2)	3B	
LCHI 250	Introduction to Chinese Culture (GT-AH2)	3B	

LFRE 250	Introduction to French-speaking Cultures (GT-AH2)	3B	
LFRE 251	Revolution and Resistance in Lit and Film (GT-AH2)	3B	
LGEN 250	Global Cities	3B	
LGER 251	The Holocaust in Literature and Film	3B	
LJPN 250	Introduction to Japanese Culture (GT-AH2)	3B	
LRUS 250	Introduction to Russian Culture (GT-AH2)	3B	
LSPA 250	Introduction to Spanish-speaking Cultures (GT-AH2)	3B	
1B (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)		1B	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		3A	3
Historical Perspectives (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives)		3D	3
Elective			3
Total Credits			28
Sophomore			
INST 200	Interdisciplinary Approaches to Globalization	1C	3
L*** 200: Second-Year Language Study		3B	3-5
L*** 201: Second-Year Language Study		3B	3-5
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		3A	4
Social and Behavioral Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences)		3C	3
Electives			11-15
Total Credits			31
Junior			
Third-Year Language Study I:			
Select three credits from the following according to your language track:			3
LASL 304	Deafness and American Sign Language		
LCHI 304	Third-Year Chinese I		
LFRE 300	Reading and Writing for Communication-French		
LGER 300	Reading and Writing for Communication-German		
LJPN 304	Third-Year Japanese I		
LKOR 300	Third-Year Korean I		
LSPA 300	Reading and Writing for Communication-Spanish	2	
Third-Year Language Study II:			
Select three credits from the following according to your language track:			3
LASL 347	American Sign Language for the Professions		
LCHI 305	Third-Year Chinese II		
LFRE 301	Oral Communication-French		
LGER 301	Oral Communication-German		
LJPN 305	Third-Year Japanese II		
LKOR 301	Third-Year Korean II		
LSPA 301	Oral Communication-Spanish		
Upper-Division Language Track Electives (see Language Track Elective lists below)			6
Advanced Writing (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing)		2	3
Electives			16
Total Credits			31
Senior			
LGEN 492	Languages and Careers	4B,4C	3

Select one course from the following: 3

French Track:

LFRE 433A Francophone Cultures: Representations 4A

LFRE 433B Francophone Cultures: Contacts 4A

German Track:

LGER 434 Advanced German Culture 4A

Spanish Track:

LSPA 434 Global Cultures–Issues Perspectives 4A,4B

LSPA 436 Advanced Latin American Culture 4A

LSPA 437 Advanced Spanish Culture 4A

Spanish for the Professions Track:

LSPA 444 The Intercultural Workplace 4A

All other Tracks:

LGEN 465E Studies in Foreign Film: Global 4A

Remaining Language Track Electives (see lists below): 0-9

French Track - 3 credits

German Track - 3 credits

Spanish Track - 9 credits

Spanish for the Professions Track - 9 credits

Chinese, Japanese, Korean Tracks - 0 credits

American Sign Language Track - 3 credits

Custom Track - 6 credits

Electives:¹ 15-24

French Track - 21 credits

German Track - 21 credits

Spanish Track - 15 credits

Spanish for the Professions Track - 15 credits

Chinese, Japanese, Korean Tracks - 24 credits

American Sign Language Track - 21 credits

Custom Track - 18 credits

Total Credits 30

Program Total Credits: 120

Language Track Electives

French Track Electives

Scroll down to find your specific language track in the following order: French, German, Spanish, Spanish for the Professions, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, American Sign Language (ASL).

Code	Title	AUCC	Credits
Select a minimum of 9 credits from the following not taken elsewhere, at least 3 credits must be at the 400-level:			
LFRE 310	Approaches to French Literature		3
LFRE 312	Introduction to French Linguistics		3
LFRE 313	Introduction to French Translation and Interpreting		3
LFRE 326	French Phonetics		3
LFRE 335	Issues in French/Francophone Culture		3
LFRE 345	French for the Professions		3
LFRE 365	Introduction to Francophone Cinema		3
LFRE 400	Advanced French Communication Skills		3

LFRE 433A	Francophone Cultures: Representations	4A	3
LFRE 433B	Francophone Cultures: Contacts	4A	3
LFRE 454	Topic Studies in French		3

German Track Electives

Code	Title	Credits			
Select a minimum of 9 credits from the following:					
LGER 251	The Holocaust in Literature and Film	3	LGER 365	Introduction to German Cinema Studies	3
LGER 310	Approaches to German Literature	3	LGER 400	Advanced German Communication Skills	3
LGER 313	Introduction to German Translation and Interpreting	3	LGER 454	Topic Studies in German	3
LGER 336	Issues in Swiss and Austrian Culture	3	LGER 455	Inside Nazi Germany-Taught in English	3
			LGER 456	German-Jewish Identity - Taught in English	3
			LGER 465	Advanced Studies in German Film	3

Spanish Track Electives

Code	Title	AUCC	Credits
Select a minimum of 15 credits from the following, at least 6 credits of which need to be 400-level:			
LSPA 310	Approaches to Spanish Literature		3
LSPA 312	Introduction to Spanish Linguistics		3
LSPA 313	Introduction to Spanish Translation and Interpreting		3
LSPA 326	Spanish Phonetics		3
LSPA 335	Issues in Hispanic Culture		3
LSPA 365	Introduction to Spanish Cinema		3
LSPA 400	Advanced Spanish Communication Skills		3
LSPA 401	Advanced Spanish Oral Communication		3
LSPA 413	Advanced Spanish Translation and Interpreting		3
LSPA 420	Creative Writing in Spanish		3
LSPA 434	Global Cultures--Issues & Perspectives	4A,4B	3
LSPA 436	Advanced Latin American Culture	4A	3
LSPA 437	Advanced Spanish Culture	4A	3
LSPA 441	Advanced Business Spanish		3
LSPA 443	Spanish Theatre		3
LSPA 445	Women Writers in the Hispanic World		3
LSPA 449	Spanish-American Literary Movements and Periods		3
LSPA 454	Topic Studies in Spanish		3
LSPA 465A	Studies in Foreign Film: Spain		3
LSPA 465B	Studies in Foreign Film: Latin America		3

Spanish for the Professions Track Electives

Code	Title	Credits			
Select a minimum total of 15 credits not taken elsewhere from the following (includes 9 required credits below):					
Required courses:					
LSPA 312	Introduction to Spanish Linguistics	3	LSPA 348	Spanish Professional Terminology in Context	3
or LSPA 326	Spanish Phonetics		LSPA 400	Advanced Spanish Communication Skills	3
			Select a minimum of 6 credits from the following:		
			LSPA 340A	Animal Health Spanish: Routines and Preventive Care	3
			LSPA 340B	Animal Health Spanish: Health and Handling	3
			LSPA 344A	Criminal Justice Spanish: An Overview	3

LSPA 344B	Criminal Justice Spanish: Common Cases	
LSPA 346A	Medical Spanish: An Overview	
LSPA 346B	Medical Spanish: Clinical Tasks	

Chinese Track Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select a minimum of 6 credits from the following:		
LCHI 250	Introduction to Chinese Culture (GT-AH2)	3
LCHI 296	Group Study-Chinese	1-5
LCHI 335	Issues in Chinese Culture	3
LCHI 400	Advanced Chinese Communication Skills	3
LCHI 496	Group Study-Chinese	1-5

Japanese Track Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select a minimum of 6 credits from the following:		
LJPN 301	Oral Communication--Japanese	3
LJPN 335	Issues in Japanese Culture	3
LJPN 336	Japanese Pop Culture--Edo Period to Present	3
LJPN 352A	Study Abroad--Japan: Japanese Language and Culture	3
LJPN 400	Advanced Japanese Communication Skills	3
LJPN 404	Historical Aspects of the Language and Society	3
LJPN 405	Integrated Japanese: Beyond Words	3

Korean Track Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select a minimum of 6 credits from the following:		
E 356	Asian Literature	3
ETST 324	Asian-Pacific Americans and the Law	3

HIST 453	Modern East Asia Through Film	3
HIST 456	East Asia in the Age of Empire, 1800-Present	3
LGEM 465B	Studies in Foreign Film: Asia	3
PHIL 360	Topics in Asian Philosophy	3
POLS 445	Comparative Asian Politics	3
SPCM 356	Asians in the U.S. Media	3

American Sign Language (ASL) Track Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select a minimum of 9 credits from the following:		
ANTH 335	Language and Culture	3
HDFS 315	Disability Across the Lifespan and Culture	3
SOC 330	Social Inequality	3
SPCM 331	Nonverbal Communication	3
SPCM 334	Communication Across Difference	3

Custom Track

In close consultation with your academic advisor, select a minimum of 12 credits forming a coherent track option.

Footnotes

¹ Select enough elective credits to bring the program total to a minimum of 120 credits, of which at least 42 must be upper-division (300-, 400-level).

Major Completion Map

Distinctive Requirements for Degree Program:

Students must earn a minimum grade of C (a grade of C- is not acceptable) in each course that carries the LASL, LCHI, LFRE, LGEM, LGER, LJPN, LKOR, LRUS, or LSPA subject code for it to count toward completion of the major.

Freshman

Semester 1	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
CO 150 College Composition (GT-CO2)	X		1A	3
L*** 100: First-Year Language Study	X			5
1B (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)	X		1B	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)			3A	3

Total Credits

14

Semester 2	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
L*** 101: First-Year Language Study	X			5
Select one course from the following:				3
LARA 250 Introduction to Arabic Cultures (GT-AH2)			3B	
LCHI 250 Introduction to Chinese Culture (GT-AH2)			3B	
LFRE 250 Introduction to French-speaking Cultures (GT-AH2)			3B	
LFRE 251 Revolution and Resistance in Lit and Film (GT-AH2)			3B	
LGEM 250 Global Cities			3B	
LGEM 251 The Holocaust in Literature and Film			3B	
LJPN 250 Introduction to Japanese Culture (GT-AH2)			3B	
LRUS 250 Introduction to Russian Culture (GT-AH2)			3B	

LSPA 250	Introduction to Spanish-speaking Cultures (GT-AH2)			3B	
	Historical Perspectives (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives)			3D	3
	Elective		X		3
	CO 150 must be completed by the end of Semester 2.	X			
Total Credits					14
Sophomore					
Semester 3		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
INST 200	Interdisciplinary Approaches to Globalization			1C	3
L*** 200: Second-Year Language Study		X		3B	3-5
Social and Behavioral Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences)			X	3C	3
Electives			X		3-5
Total Credits					14
Semester 4		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
L*** 201: Second-Year Language Study		X		3B	3-5
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)			X	3A	4
Electives					8-10
Total Credits					17
Junior					
Semester 5		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
Third-Year Language Study I (see list on Program Requirements tab)		X			3
Upper-Division Language Track Elective (see list on Program Requirements tab)		X			3
Electives			X		9
Total Credits					15
Semester 6		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
Third-Year Language Study II (see list on Program Requirements tab)		X			3
Upper-Division Language Track Elective (see list on Program Requirements tab)					3
Advanced Writing (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing)				2	3
Electives			X		7
Total Credits					16
Senior					
Semester 7		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
AUCC 4A Course (see list on Program Requirements tab)		X		4A	3
Upper-Division Language Track Electives or remaining general electives (see Language Track lists on Program Requirements tab)		X			12
Total Credits					15
Semester 8		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
LGEN 492	Languages and Careers	X		4B,4C	3
Upper-Division Language Track Electives or remaining general electives (see Language Track lists on Program Requirements tab)		X			12
The benchmark courses for the 8th semester are the remaining courses in the entire program of study.		X			
Total Credits					15
Program Total Credits:					120