

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).