
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Faculty

- Deyanira Ariza-Velasco (Spanish)
- Georgiana Donavin (Latin)
- Steve Haslam (Chair) (French)

The Language Program offers an academic major in Spanish-Latin American Studies and academic minors in French and Spanish, as well as multiple course sequences in Chinese, Japanese, and Latin.

Chinese

The Language Program offers a one-year Mandarin Chinese course sequence with occasional second-year and May term offerings. Classes are designed to give students practical tools for communicating in written and spoken Mandarin and to deepen their knowledge and appreciation of Chinese culture. The study of Mandarin will broaden the international horizon of liberal arts students and will be of great value in many professions and enterprises (business, trade, politics, travel, history and literature). No minor is offered in Chinese. Students who have had two or more years of high school Mandarin Chinese should register for Chinese 111 or discuss placement with course instructor or program chair.

Japanese

The Language Program offers a one-year Japanese course sequence with occasional second-year and May term offerings. Classes are designed to give students practical tools for communicating in written and spoken Japanese and to deepen their knowledge and appreciation of Japanese culture. The study of Japanese will broaden the international horizons of liberal arts students and will be of great value in many professions and enterprises (business, trade, politics, travel, history and literature). No minor is offered in Japanese. Students who have previously studied Japanese should register for Japanese 111 or discuss placement with course instructor or program chair.

Latin

The Language Program offers basic and intermediate Latin, as well as directed study courses in such topics as Latin linguistics and literature. It creates opportunities for those interested in advanced Latin to craft a personalized minor. Latin is the language that has been the most widely used throughout Western world history. It had tremendous influence on the development of English and other world languages. Latin offers great practical advantages, especially for students pursuing careers in the humanities, law, medicine, nursing, public health, and the sciences. Students who have had two or more years of high school Latin should discuss course placement with Georgiana Donavin.