

MAJOR IN WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

The Major in World Languages and Cultures will allow you to acquire competency in one or more international languages and to gain a wide range of knowledge about cultures and intercultural realities. Besides focusing on one or several linguistic and cultural areas, you will develop fundamental research and communication skills that are essential to today's workplace and wider world. These are introduced and reinforced in courses at all levels.

Gain important academic and professional experience through experiential learning components in the Major's advanced courses, through diverse opportunities to study and work abroad, by participating in the research of faculty members, volunteering experiences with embassies, international cultural institutes (e.g. Cervantes Institute, Goethe Institute, Dante Alighieri Society), and community organizations in the National Capital Region.

The Major is a perfect fit with the University of Ottawa's uoGlobal Recognition and with the Faculty of Art's Option in Entrepreneurship, Creativity, and Social Innovation. It will also prepare you for graduate studies in language and culture, e.g. in the Department's MA programs in Spanish.

The languages taught in the Department include Arabic, Breton, Chinese, German, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Scottish Gaelic, Spanish, Welsh, and Yiddish.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Learn more about this program (<https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-arts/modern-languages-literatures/undergraduate-world-languages-culture/>)

Program Requirements

The table below includes only the discipline-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (<https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/policies-regulations/academic-regulations/b-2-program-studies/>) for information on the possible combinations available within the Faculty of Arts.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2023-2024 calendar (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

Compulsory courses

LCM 1101	How to Learn Foreign Languages	3 Units
LCM 1102	Tools for Cultural Analysis	3 Units

Optional courses

6 course units from: ¹ 6 Units

ESP 3934	Spain in its literature, (20th-21st centuries)	
ESP 3935	Latin America in its literature, 20th-21st centuries	
ESP 3943	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics	
LCM 3101	World Cultures in Contact	
LCM 3102	World Languages in Contact	
LCM 3103	World and Transcultural Literatures	
LCM 3104	World Languages and Cultures in Canada	
LCM 3105	Identities, Ideas, and Ideologies Across World Cultures	

LCM 3106	Foreign Language Acquisition	
LCM 3107	Spaces, Places, and Travel across World Cultures	
LCM 3120	Selected Topics in World Languages and Cultures	
6 course units from: ¹		6 Units
AHL 4100	Seminar in Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts	
AHL 4310	Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation Lab	
AHL 4900	Seminar in Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts	
ESP 4901	Advanced Study of Latin American Literature	
ESP 4902	Advanced Study of Spanish Literature	
ESP 4903	Seminar on the Teaching of Spanish as a Foreign Language	
ESP 4933	Contrastive Grammar: Spanish and English	
ESP 4940	The Acquisition of Spanish	
LCM 4101	Advanced Theories of World Cultures	
LCM 4199	Capstone Seminar	
LCM 4991	Practicum	
LCM 4992	Selected Topics in World Languages and Cultures	
24 optional course units from one of the language and culture profiles below		24 Units
Total:		42 Units

Note(s)

¹ Students interested in pursuing graduate studies in Spanish should choose from among the Spanish (ESP) courses.

Profile Requirements

German Language and Culture Profile

18 course units from:		18 Units
ALG 1100	Road Map to the Culture of the German-Speaking Countries	
ALG 1901	Elementary German I	
ALG 1902	Elementary German II	
ALG 2100	Special Topics in German Culture	
ALG 2101	Contemporary German Culture	
ALG 2300	Masterpieces of German Literature in Translation	
ALG 2901	Intermediate German I	
ALG 2902	Intermediate German II	
ALG 3330	Cinema in the German Speaking Countries	
ALG 3900	Special Topics in German Literature	
ALG 3901	Advanced German I	
ALG 3902	Advanced German II	
ALG 3980	German Literature and Culture	
YDD 1901	Introduction to the Yiddish Language and Culture I	
YDD 1902	Introduction to the Yiddish Language and Culture II	
YDD 2104	Yiddish Culture, Literature, and Film	
6 course units from:		6 Units
ALG 3330	Cinema in the German Speaking Countries	

ALG 3900	Special Topics in German Literature
ALG 3901	Advanced German I
ALG 3902	Advanced German II
ALG 3980	German Literature and Culture
ALG 4901	Advanced German III
ALG 4902	Advanced German IV
ALG 4903	Special Topics in German Culture II
Total:	24 Units

Arabic Language and Culture Profile

18 course units from:	18 Units
ARB 1911	Elementary Arabic I
ARB 1912	Elementary Arabic II
ARB 2101	Arabic Culture I
ARB 2102	Arabic Culture II
ARB 2103	Pop Culture in the Arab World
ARB 2911	Intermediate Arabic I
ARB 2912	Intermediate Arabic II
ARB 3101	Arabic Cinema and Visual Media
ARB 3102	Special Topics in Arab Canadian Studies
ARB 3901	Introduction to Arabic Literature
ARB 3902	Special Topics in Arabic Literature
ARB 3911	Advanced Arabic I
ARB 3912	Advanced Arabic II
ARB 3921	Directed Studies in Arabic
ARB 4903	Special Topics in Arabic Culture
ARB 4911	Advanced Arabic III
ARB 4912	Advanced Arabic IV
HIS 2160	History of the Middle East from World War I
PHI 2381	Arabic Philosophy
SRS 3315	Islam
6 course units from:	6 Units
ARB 3101	Arabic Cinema and Visual Media
ARB 3102	Special Topics in Arab Canadian Studies
ARB 3901	Introduction to Arabic Literature
ARB 3902	Special Topics in Arabic Literature
ARB 3911	Advanced Arabic I
ARB 3912	Advanced Arabic II
ARB 3921	Directed Studies in Arabic
ARB 4903	Special Topics in Arabic Culture
ARB 4911	Advanced Arabic III
ARB 4912	Advanced Arabic IV
Total:	24 Units

Asian Studies Profile

18 course units from:	18 Units
ASI 3110	Selected Topics in East Asian Culture
ASI 3111	East Asian Cinemas
CHN 1901	Introduction to Chinese I
CHN 1902	Introduction to Chinese II
CHN 2101	Introduction to Chinese Culture
CHN 2901	Intermediate Chinese I
CHN 2902	Intermediate Chinese II

CHN 3901	Advanced Chinese I
CHN 3902	Advanced Chinese II
JPN 1901	Introduction to Japanese I
JPN 1902	Introduction to Japanese II
JPN 2101	Introduction to Japanese Culture
JPN 2901	Intermediate Japanese I
JPN 2902	Intermediate Japanese II
JPN 3901	Advanced Japanese I
JPN 3902	Advanced Japanese II
6 course units from:	6 Units
ASI 3110	Selected Topics in East Asian Culture
ASI 3111	East Asian Cinemas
CHN 3901	Advanced Chinese I
CHN 3902	Advanced Chinese II
JPN 3901	Advanced Japanese I
JPN 3902	Advanced Japanese II

Total: **24 Units**

Celtic Studies Profile

18 course units from:	18 Units
CLT 1100	Scottish Gaelic Language and Culture I
CLT 1101	Scottish Gaelic Language and Culture II
CLT 1110	Irish Language and Culture I
CLT 1111	Irish Language and Culture II
CLT 1120	Welsh Language and Culture I
CLT 1121	Welsh Language and Culture II
CLT 1132	Introduction to the Celtic World
CLT 1530	Introduction à la langue et à la culture bretonnes I
CLT 1531	Introduction à la langue et à la culture bretonnes II
CLT 2110	The Music of the Celtic Peoples
CLT 2130	Early Celtic Literature
CLT 2131	Medieval Celtic Literature
CLT 2150	Celtic Christianity
CLT 2155	The Celtic Woman: Between Myth and Reality
CLT 2170	Arthur of the Celts
CLT 2300	Celtic Cultures in Transition
CLT 3140	The Celtic Iron Age
CLT 3180	The Celtic Languages: Language Promotion in Practice
CLT 3330	Special Topics in Celtic Studies

6 course units from: 6 Units

CLT 3140	The Celtic Iron Age
CLT 3180	The Celtic Languages: Language Promotion in Practice
CLT 3330	Special Topics in Celtic Studies
LCM 3101	World Cultures in Contact
LCM 3102	World Languages in Contact
LCM 3103	World and Transcultural Literatures
LCM 3104	World Languages and Cultures in Canada
LCM 3105	Identities, Ideas, and Ideologies Across World Cultures

LCM 3106 Foreign Language Acquisition	
LCM 3107 Spaces, Places, and Travel across World Cultures	

Total: 24 Units

Italian Language and Culture Profile

18 course units from: 18 Units

ITA 1113 Italian Cinema	
ITA 1114 Italian Heritage in North America	
ITA 1911 Elementary Italian I	
ITA 1912 Elementary Italian II	
ITA 2113 Italian Culture	
ITA 2114 Italian Literature	
ITA 2910 Immersion in Italian Language and Culture in Italy	
ITA 2911 Intermediate Italian I	
ITA 2912 Intermediate Italian II	
ITA 3106 The Italian Renaissance	
ITA 3901 Special Topics in Italian Literature	
ITA 3902 Italian Culture: Special Topics	
ITA 3903 Directed Studies I	
ITA 3911 Advanced Italian I	
ITA 3912 Advanced Italian II	
ITA 4901 Italian Language: Special Topics	
ITA 4903 Italian Culture: Interdisciplinary Perspectives	
ITA 4905 Italian Literature: Special Topics	
ITA 4911 Advanced Italian III	
ITA 4912 Advanced Italian IV	

6 course units from: 6 Units

ITA 3106 The Italian Renaissance	
ITA 3901 Special Topics in Italian Literature	
ITA 3902 Italian Culture: Special Topics	
ITA 3903 Directed Studies I	
ITA 3911 Advanced Italian I	
ITA 3912 Advanced Italian II	
ITA 4901 Italian Language: Special Topics	
ITA 4903 Italian Culture: Interdisciplinary Perspectives	
ITA 4905 Italian Literature: Special Topics	
ITA 4911 Advanced Italian III	
ITA 4912 Advanced Italian IV	

Total: 24 Units

Latin American Studies Profile

6 course units from: 6 Units

ELA 1102 Latin American Cultures I	
ELA 2102 Latin American Cultures II	
ELA 3110 Selected Topics in Latin American Studies: Cultural Issues	

12 course units from: 12 Units

ANT 3340 Anthropology of Latin America and the Caribbean	
DVM 4130 International Development Issues in Latin America	

ECO 2121 Introduction to International Economics	
ESP 1101 Introduction to Spanish Culture	
ESP 1991 Elementary Spanish I	
ESP 1992 Elementary Spanish II	
ESP 2100 Special Topics in Spanish and Latin American Culture	
ESP 2101 Spanish and Latin American Cinema	
ESP 2301 Hispanic Literature in translation	
ESP 2304 Women in Hispanic Culture and Literature	
HIS 2170 Latin America, Colonial Period	
HIS 2171 Latin America, Modern Period	
HIS 3195 Selected Topics in Latin American History	
POL 3145 Comparative Politics: Latin America	
POR 1901 Elementary Portuguese I	
POR 1902 Elementary Portuguese II	
POR 2101 The Culture of Portuguese-Speaking Countries I	
POR 2102 The Culture of Portuguese-Speaking Countries II	
POR 3101 Literature and Cinema of the Portuguese Speaking Countries	
SCS 3160 Selected Topics in Latin American Studies: Socio-Political Issues	

6 course units from: 6 Units

ANT 3340 Anthropology of Latin America and the Caribbean	
DVM 4130 International Development Issues in Latin America	
HIS 3195 Selected Topics in Latin American History (LCM 3101 - World Cultures in Contact)	
LCM 3101 World Cultures in Contact	
LCM 3102 World Languages in Contact	
LCM 3103 World and Transcultural Literatures	
LCM 3104 World Languages and Cultures in Canada	
LCM 3105 Identities, Ideas, and Ideologies Across World Cultures	
LCM 3106 Foreign Language Acquisition	
LCM 3107 Spaces, Places, and Travel across World Cultures	
POL 3145 Comparative Politics: Latin America	
POR 3101 Literature and Cinema of the Portuguese Speaking Countries	
SCS 3160 Selected Topics in Latin American Studies: Socio-Political Issues	

Total: 24 Units

Russian Language and Culture Profile

18 course units from: 18 Units

RUS 1901 Elementary Russian I	
RUS 1902 Elementary Russian II	
RUS 2101 Introduction to Russian Culture	
RUS 2102 The Age of Dostoevsky and Tolstoy	
RUS 2103 Contemporary Russian Culture	
RUS 2104 Russian Cinema	

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RUS 2105 Women in Russian Culture and Literature	
RUS 2116 History of Russia Until 1917	
RUS 2117 History of the USSR	
RUS 2901 Intermediate Russian I	
RUS 2902 Intermediate Russian II	
RUS 3901 Advanced Russian I	
RUS 3902 Advanced Russian II	
PLN 1901 Elementary Polish I	
PLN 1902 Elementary Polish II	
PLN 2101 Polish Culture Through the Ages	
PLN 2102 Polish Post-War Cinema	
PLN 2901 Intermediate Polish	
PLN 2902 Polish Grammar and Translation	
PLN 3101 Special Topic in Polish Culture	
YDD 1901 Introduction to the Yiddish Language and Culture I	
YDD 1902 Introduction to the Yiddish Language and Culture II	
YDD 2104 Yiddish Culture, Literature, and Film	
6 course units from:	6 Units
LCM 3101 World Cultures in Contact	
LCM 3102 World Languages in Contact	
LCM 3103 World and Transcultural Literatures	
LCM 3104 World Languages and Cultures in Canada	
LCM 3105 Identities, Ideas, and Ideologies Across World Cultures	
LCM 3106 Foreign Language Acquisition	
LCM 3107 Spaces, Places, and Travel across World Cultures	
PLN 3101 Special Topic in Polish Culture	
RUS 3901 Advanced Russian I	
RUS 3902 Advanced Russian II	
Total:	24 Units

Spanish Profile ²

18 course units of Spanish (ESP) courses	18 Units
6 course units of Spanish (ESP) courses at the 3000 or 4000 level	
Total:	18 Units

Multilingual Profile

18 course units offered by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures ³	18 Units
6 course units offered by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at the 3000 or 4000 level	6 Units
Total:	24 Units

Note(s)

² Spanish native speakers or students entering with a higher language level can replace language courses with any other Spanish (ESP) course from this list.

³ The course JCS 2301 can count towards this requirement.