

# FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE, BA

Students who choose one of the six tracks of the foreign languages and literature major have options in Classic Civilization, French, German, Greek, Italian, and Latin.

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## Admission into the Major

See course descriptions for information concerning appropriate placement in French, German, and Latin. Students are expected to formally declare a major no later than the fourth semester of full-time enrollment (or at 61 semester hours for transfer students). Students can declare a major by completing the Change of Major/Minor Application online under the Student tab of myBama.

## Special Opportunities

The foreign languages and literature concentrations offer numerous opportunities for students to learn about the modern and ancient world. Students may participate in various club activities, become initiated into national honor societies, and take advantage of a variety of study-abroad programs. Students with foreign language proficiency have more opportunities open to them than students without that proficiency. Classics students have the opportunity to take part in the Classics Honors Program. See an advisor for more information.

Students earning the bachelor of arts (BA) degree with a major in foreign languages and literature must complete all University, College and major requirements. These include the general education requirement, all major and track requirements, all requirements for an approved minor and other sufficient credits to total a minimum of 120 applicable semester hours.

## Grade Point Average

A 2.0 grade point average in the major is required for completion of the degree. Please see the Grades and Grade Points section of this catalog for an explanation on grade point average calculations.

## Upper-level Residency

For all tracks, a minimum of 12 hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be earned on this campus.

## Required Minor

This major requires the completion of a minor.

## Additional Major Requirements

If students test out of any of the courses required for the major, this does not reduce the total number of credit hours required for the major. Students must meet with an adviser in the major department for academic planning and to be cleared for registration each semester.

## Prerequisites

In addition to the stated prerequisites, all 400-level German courses have as a prerequisite 20 hours of coursework in German, or permission of the instructor.

## Course Placement

The course level at which students begin their study is determined by several factors, including the following: the number of high school units completed, language placement examination scores, AP score, and/

or faculty evaluation/consultation. For more information, consult the College placement website, the departmental website, or an advisor.

<https://mlc.ua.edu/undergraduate/language-placement/>

## Credit Options

With the exception of heritage language or bilingual individuals, students placed in intermediate level courses or higher and who earn a C- or higher may be granted additional credit upon written petition. Students are encouraged to take the placement test or speak with a faculty member in order to place into the highest course level possible, as incoming students may receive up to 10 hours of additional credit (102 or 103, 201, 202).

### French

Except for heritage language or bilingual individuals, students placed in FR 201 French Language & Cultures III or higher and who earn a grade of C- or higher in the course may be granted additional credit upon written petition:

Placement	Credit received with grade of "Pass" (C- or better)
FR 201	FR 102 (4 hours)
FR 202	FR 102 and FR 201 (7 hours)
FR 300 level	FR 102, FR 201, FR 202 (10 hours)

### German

Except for heritage language or bilingual individuals, students placed in GN 201 Intermediate German I or higher and who earn a grade of C- or higher in the course may earn additional credit upon written petition:

Placement	Credit received with grade of "Pass" (C- or better)
GN 201	GN 103 (4 hours)
GN 202	GN 103 and GN 201 (7 hours)
GN 300 or 400 level	GN 103, GN 201, GN 202 (10 hours)

### Italian

Except for heritage language or bilingual individuals, students placed in IT 201 Intermediate Italian I or higher and who earn a grade of C- or higher in the course may be granted additional credit upon written petition:

Placement	Credit received with grade of "Pass" (C- or better)
IT 201	IT 102 (4 hours)
IT 202	IT 102 and IT 201 (7 hours)
IT 300 level	IT 102, IT 201, IT 202 (10 hours)

### Latin

The course level at which students begin their study of Latin is determined by several factors. These factors include the following: the number of high-school units completed, language placement examination scores or faculty evaluation. Students placed in LA 201 Intermed Latin Read I or higher and who earn a grade of B or higher in the course may be granted additional credit upon written petition.

Placement	Credit received with grade of "Pass" (C- or better)
LA 201	LA 102 (3 hours)
LA 202	LA 102 and LA 201 (6 hours)
LA 300 or 400 level	LA 102, LA 201, LA 202 (9 hours)

## Tracks

The major in foreign languages and literature requires the successful completion of specifically required semester hours in one of the following six tracks:

### Classic Civilization Track

Code and Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>	
Select one of the following language sequences: <sup>1</sup>	12
LA 101 Elementary Latin I & LA 102 and Elementary Latin II	
LA 201 Intermed Latin Read I & LA 202 and Intermed Latin Read II	
OR	
GR 101 Beginning Greek I & GR 102 and Beginning Greek II	
GR 201 Intermediate Greek I & GR 202 and Intermediate Greek II	
Select from the following:	21
CL 222 Greek Roman Mythology	
CL 323 Alexander the Great, Then & Now	
CL 333 Greek Civilization	
CL 350 Roman Religion	
CL 385 History Of Greece	
CL 365 Greece & Rome in Lit. & Film	
CL 380 Special Topics	
CL 386 History Of Rome	
ARH 351 Ancient Art	
PHL 211 Ancient Philosophy	
UH 244 Women: Antiquity to Modernity	
Select Greek or Latin language electives (100 level or above)	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>33</b>

#### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Students must complete a foreign language sequence from 101-202 in either Latin or Greek.

### French Track

Code and Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>	
Required courses:	18
FR 101 French Language & Cultures I	
FR 102 French Language & Cultures II	
FR 201 French Language & Cultures III	
FR 202 French Language & Cultures IV	
FR 321 or Creative Writing in French	
FR 323 Persuasive&Analytical Writing	
FR 325 Cultures and Conversations	
Select two of the following literature courses:	6

FR 341	FR Lit: Origins to Revolution	
FR 351	Modern & Contemporary FR Lit	
FR 352	Survey of Global French Lit.	
FR 441	Page & Stage	
FR 478	Writing Immigration	
Select one of the following culture courses:		3
FR 330	French in the News	
FR 331	French Material Culture & Civ	
FR 333	(His)stories and Fashion	
FR 424	Mktg & Advertising in France	
FR 431	Democracy and France	
FR 477	French Cinema	
Select one of the following linguistics courses:		3
FR 361	Intro Romance Linguistic	
FR 362	Grammar in Society	
FR 421	Pronunciation & Phonetics	
FR 426	History of the French Language	
FR 461	French Linguistics	
Select one of the following Electives, or a 300-400 FR course from the Cultures or Linguistics categories		3
FR 310	Service Learning in French	
FR 318	French for Engineering	
FR 324	French for Business Dev	
FR 327	French for Int'l Relations	
FR 470	Undergrad Sem in French	
FR 480	Special Topics	

**Total Hours** **33**

### German Track

Code and Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>	
Select one of the following:	8
GN 101 Elementary German I & GN 102 and Elementary German II	
GN 103 Accelerated Elementary German <sup>1</sup>	
GN 201 Intermediate German I	3
GN 202 Intermediate German II	3
GN 361 or Interm Convers Comp I	3
GN 362 Interm Convers Comp II	
GN 371 Gn Cult Civil Thru 1832	3
GN 372 Germn Cult Civ 1832-Present	3
GN 403 or Undergraduate Seminar	3
GN 404 Undergraduate Seminar	
Credit Hours Subtotal:	26

#### Electives

Select three hours of GN electives <sup>2</sup> 3

#### German Literature

Select one of the following:	3
GN 250 Germanic Mythology	
GN 260 Holocaust In Film & Lit	
GN 264 German Literature Translatn I	
GN 265 German Lit In Translatn II	
GN 403 Undergraduate Seminar	

GN 404	Undergraduate Seminar	
Or other German literature course with departmental approval		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>32</b>

**Footnotes**

- <sup>1</sup> Students taking GN 103 Accelerated Elementary German are required to take additional GN coursework to satisfy the 32 hour requirement for the German major.
- <sup>2</sup> A total of four hours in GN 205 Living German House I and GN 206 Living German House II may be applied to the 32 required hours in the major.

**Greek Track**

Code and Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>	
GR 101	Beginning Greek I 3
GR 102	Beginning Greek II 3
GR 201	Intermediate Greek I 3
GR 202	Intermediate Greek II 3
GR 301	Advanced Greek I 3
GR 302	Advanced Greek II 3
GR 490	Adv Greek Literature 3
	Credit Hours Subtotal: 21

**Select one of the following:**

CL 323 or	Alexander the Great, Then & Now	3
CL 385	History Of Greece	
	Credit Hours Subtotal:	3

**Select 9 hours from among the following 9**

ARH 351	Ancient Art	
CL 222	Greek Roman Mythology	
CL 323	Alexander the Great, Then & Now	
CL 350	Roman Religion	
CL 386	History Of Rome	
CL 380	Special Topics	
CL 365	Greece & Rome in Lit. & Film	
CL 333	Greek Civilization	
PHL 211	Ancient Philosophy	
Latin language electives on the 100 level or above		
Greek language electives on the 400 level or above		
	Credit Hours Subtotal:	9

**Total Hours 33****Footnotes**

- <sup>1</sup> Or proficiency or placement.

**Italian Track**

Code and Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>	
IT 101	Introductory Italian I (or) 4
IT 105	Honors Introductory Italian I
IT 102	Introductory Italian II 4
IT 201	Intermediate Italian I 3
IT 202	Intermediate Italian II 3
IT 353	Italian Conversation 3
IT 356	Advanced Italian 3

IT 364	IT Lit: Medieval to Modern	3
IT 380	Special Topics	3
	Credit Hours Subtotal:	26

Select two of the following: 6

IT 250	Mod Italian Hist Through Film	
IT 315	Ingredients of the Italian Ren	
IT 323	Introduction to Italian Cinema	
IT 330	Violence in Rome	
IT 335	The Italian Mafia	
IT 361	Intro Romance Linguistic	
IT 480	Undergraduate Seminar	
	Credit Hours Subtotal:	6

Other IT electives permissible, and Italian related coursework may apply with advisor approval.

**Total Hours 32****Latin Track**

Code and Title	Hours	
LA 101	Elementary Latin I 3	
LA 102	Elementary Latin II 3	
LA 201	Intermed Latin Read I 3	
LA 202	Intermed Latin Read II 3	
LA 301	Survey Lit Roman Republ 3	
LA 302	Survey Lit Of Empire 3	
CL 386	History Of Rome 3	
LA 490	Readings In Latin Literature 3	
	Credit Hours Subtotal:	24

**Select 9 hours from the following: 9**

ARH 351	Ancient Art	
CL 222	Greek Roman Mythology	
CL 323	Alexander the Great, Then & Now	
CL 333	Greek Civilization	
CL 350	Roman Religion	
CL 365	Greece & Rome in Lit. & Film	
CL 380	Special Topics	
CL 385	History Of Greece	
CL 498	Honors Research in Classics I	
CL 499	Honors Research in Classics 2	
PHL 211	Ancient Philosophy	
UH 244	Women: Antiquity to Modernity	

Greek language electives on the 100 level and above

Latin language electives on the 400 level or above	
	Credit Hours Subtotal: 9

**Total Hours 33****Footnotes**

- <sup>1</sup> Or proficiency or placement.

The interesting thing about the study of any field of foreign languages or classics is that, far from limiting a student's career choices, it actually expands them. Instead of being tied to one particular technical skill, learners have a broad and unique understanding of the human condition and have developed an appreciation for the precision and power of language. Most careers are open to students because employers and

recruiters realize and appreciate the rigor and difficulty of the degree itself.

## **Types of Jobs Accepted**

Many of our graduates in foreign languages and classics go on to professional schools or advanced degrees in their own areas at well known universities around the country and abroad. Since 1995, classics has had a 100% acceptance rate for those who have applied for medical school. We have sent students to prestigious law schools. Some students have completed advanced study in Library Science or English/TESOL, while others have entered various areas in the private and public sectors.

## **Jobs of Experienced Alumni**

Foreign languages and literature graduates have jobs in a variety of areas in the private and public sectors, including all levels of education and educational administration, in print and other areas of media, law, diplomacy, auto industry, high tech fields and in many other areas. Competitive employers acknowledge the advantages of hiring those who can understand and communicate with a greater number of people.

Classics graduates have gone to seminary and then on into the ministry. Several have gone on to MBA programs and graduated at the top of their class and now work in major businesses. Others have continued in classics and received a PhD and now teach in colleges here and in England. One student works for the Navy in Chicago, following a passion of hers, mapping and geography. The possibilities are endless!

Learn more about opportunities in this field at the Career Center