FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE, BA

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

200 B.B. Comer Hall

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.

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.

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

Required Courses

Select one of the following:

- LA 201 & LA 202 Intermed Latin Read I and II \\
- GR 201 & GR 202 Intermediate Greek I and II

Select two of the following:

- CL 222 Greek Roman Mythology
- CL 380 Special Topics (Literature Topic Only)
- LA 301 Survey Lit Roman Republ
- GR 301 Advanced Greek I

Select seven of the following:

- CL 234 Medical Terminology
- CL 323 Alexander the Great, Then & Now
- CL 350 Roman Religion
- CL 385 History Of Greece
- CL 386 History Of Rome
- ARH 351 Ancient Art
- HY 235 Christ Church To 1500
- PHL 211 Ancient Philosophy

French Track

Required Courses

- FR 201 Intermediate French 1
- FR 202 Intermediate French 1

Select two of the following:

- FR 321 Voices In French
- FR 322 Advanced French Grammar
- FR 323 Text, Image, And Word
- FR 341 Survey Fr Literature I 2
- FR 351 Survey Fr Literature II 2
- FR 421 Pronunciation & Phonetics

Select two of the following: 3

- FR 331 French Civilization
- FR 361 Intro Romance Linguistic (Same as IT 361 and SP 361)
- FR 431 Contemp French Civiliztn

Credit Hours Subtotal: 27

Electives

Select six hours of FR electives 200 level and above

Credit Hours Subtotal: 6

Ancillary Courses

Grades in ancillary courses are not computed into the major GPA. The track in French requires the successful completion of the following courses:

- FR 101 Elementary French I & FR 102 and Elementary French II 4

Total Hours 41

1 One honors section is available for this course. Consult the online schedule of classes or contact the Department of Modern Languages and Classics.

2 With approval, three hours of topic appropriate FR 470 Undergrad Sem In French (Literature) or FR 480 Special Topics (in French Literature) may substitute for, either FR 341 Survey Fr Literature I or FR 351 Survey Fr Literature II, but not both.

3 With approval, three hours of topic appropriate FR 470 Undergrad Sem In French (Civilization or Linguistics) or FR 480 Special Topics (Civilization or Linguistics) may substitute for either FR 331 French Civilization or FR 431 Contemp French Civiliztn, but not both.

4 Or proficiency or placement.

UH 300 Honors Spec Topics Sem (Women from Antiquity through Today)

CL 380 Special Topics

Select Greek or Latin language electives (200 level or above) 1

Total Hours 33

1 Students who choose LA 201 Intermed Latin Read I and LA 202 Intermed Latin Read II may not use LA 101 Elementary Latin I or LA 102 Elementary Latin II as an elective in the track. Students who choose GR 201 Intermediate Greek I and GR 202 Intermediate Greek II may not use GR 101 Beginning Greek I or GR 102 Beginning Greek II as an elective in the track.
German Track

Required Courses

Select one of the following: 8

- GN 101 Elementary German I
- & GN 102 Accelerated Elementary German
- GN 103 Intermediate German I
- GN 201 Intermediate German II
- GN 202 Intermediate German II
- GN 361 or Interm Convers Comp I
- GN 362 Interm Convers Comp II
- GN 371 German Culture and Civilization Thru 1832
- GN 372 Germn Cult Civ 1832-Present
- GN 403 or Undergraduate Seminar
- GN 404 Undergraduate Seminar

Total Hours: 26

Electives

Select three hours of GN electives: 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

Credit Hours Subtotal: 26

1 Students taking GN 103 Accelerated Elementary German are required to take additional GN coursework to satisfy the 32 hour requirement for the German major.

2 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

Required Courses

- GR 201 Intermediate Greek I
- GR 202 Intermediate Greek II
- GR 301 Advanced Greek I
- GR 302 Advanced Greek II
- GR 490 Adv Greek Literature

Select one of the following: 3

- CL 323 or Alexander the Great, Then & Now
- CL 385 History Of Greece

Select five of the following (at least two courses must be culture courses): 15

- ARH 351 Ancient Art
- CL 222 Greek Roman Mythology
- CL 350 Roman Religion
- CL 386 History Of Rome
- CL 380 Special Topics

Total Hours: 32

Latin Track

Required Courses

- LA 201 Intermed Latin Read I
- LA 202 Intermed Latin Read II
- LA 301 Survey Lit Roman Republ
- LA 302 Survey Lit Of Empire
- LA 490 Readings In Latin Literature
- CL 380 or Special Topics (Flavian Rome)
- CL 386 History Of Rome

Select five of the following (at least two courses must be culture courses): 15

- ARH 351 Ancient Art
- CL 222 Greek Roman Mythology
- CL 350 Roman Religion
- CL 385 History Of Greece

Total Hours: 32
Credit received with grade of "Pass" (C- or better)

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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 advisor 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.

**Credit Options**

With the exception of heritage language or bilingual individuals, students placed in intermediate level courses or higher can earn placement credit.

**French**

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

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**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 can earn additional credit upon written petition:

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**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 Intermediate Latin Read I or higher and who earn a grade of B or higher in the course are granted additional credit upon written petition.

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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