

MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS



WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES DEGREE?

The Modern Languages and Cultures Department at Slippery Rock University prepares students for the challenges of an increasingly multilingual and interconnected world. Our main goal is to enable the acquisition of world languages and cultural knowledge so that our students respect diversity and are able to succeed professionally in a global society.

Knowing more than one language gives students a competitive edge in the job market and provides personal enrichment by connecting the individual to the worldwide community. Graduates are prepared for professions in a variety of fields, including translation, social work, health care, education, business, law, criminology, tourism, English-language learner and many more. Thus, graduates also look forward to international career options.

MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES AT SRU

Through the curriculum, students will acquire knowledge of different languages and cultures in a variety of languages that include Spanish, French, Arabic, Japanese, and Chinese. Students interested in Spanish or French can choose from two different majors. The BA in Spanish and French concentrate in the acquisition of different language skills and cultures. The BA in Professional Spanish and French incorporate high-impact practices, active learning and relevant interdisciplinary collaboration into a four-year course of study.

Minors in Arabic, Japanese, Latin American, and Middle Eastern studies offer an interdisciplinary curriculum combining language and culture courses with classes from other departments.

WHY CHOOSE MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES AT SRU?

- 1. Foreign language advantage:** More and more businesses work closely with companies in other countries and need workers who can communicate in different languages and understand other cultures. No matter what career you choose, if you've learned a second language, you'll have a real advantage.
- 2. Extracurricular activities:** Students have the opportunity of practicing their target language outside the classroom through different activities including language clubs and study abroad programs to Spain, Costa Rica, Mexico, France and Japan to further enhance their skills.
- 3. Small class sizes:** Language and culture classes are capped at 30 students, providing students a more individualized classroom experience.
- 4. Experienced faculty:** Students will be taught by native language faculty members who bring real-life examples, research and experience to enhance the learning experience.
- 5. Support and guidance:** Every undergraduate is assigned an academic adviser to guide them through their program of study and help them make decisions about educational and career goals.

MAJORS

- Modern Languages and Cultures w/ a concentration in Cultural Area Studies (BA)
- Modern Languages and Cultures w/ a concentration in French (BA)
- Modern Languages and Cultures w/ a concentration in Professional French (BA)
- Modern Languages and Cultures w/ a concentration in Spanish (BA)
- Modern Languages and Cultures w/ a concentration in Professional Spanish (BA)

MINORS AND CERTIFICATES

- Minor in Arabic
- Minor in French
- Minor in Professional French
- Minor in Professional Japanese
- Minor in Spanish
- Minor in Professional Spanish
- Certificate in Japanese Studies
- Certificate in Latin American Studies
- Certificate in Middle Eastern Studies

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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our department offers Study Abroad Programs in several countries and some of these institutions have internships available for students:

- Alcalá de Henares – Instituto Franklin - Spain
- Universidad de San José – Costa Rica
- Universidad Iberoamericana – Mexico
- Collège International de Cannes – France
- Saga University – Japan
- Kansai Gaidai University – Japan

CAREER OUTCOMES

While many SRU Modern Languages and Cultures majors will continue their education after earning their bachelor's degree, graduates of the department have secured careers in the following areas:

- CEO, Pittsburgh Social Exchange
- Security, Landmark Event Staffing Services, Inc.
- Circulation Desk, Grove City Community Library
- Regional Manager, The Preiss Company
- Assistant to the Associate Deans and Director of Administration, Katz Graduate School of Business and College of Business Administration

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Arabic Club
- Chinese Club
- French Club
- Hispanic-Latino Culture Series
- Japanese Club
- Pi Delta Phi – National French Honor Society
- Sigma Delta Pi – National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society
- Spanish Club



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Evan Razzano, '19

Political Science and Middle Eastern Certificate

"I found it rewarding, challenging, and beneficial to study a different language. I gained a different perspective on the world. I am appreciative that SRU added the Middle East Studies certificate."

Abigail Benninger, '17

Double major Resort, Recreation, and Hospitality Management and Professional French

"I like the Professional French major because I am able to take it as a secondary major without having any conflicts with my first major schedule. It also allowed me to spend a semester in France, which makes me more marketable to potential employers."

Rachel Good, 16

Double major Professional Spanish and Public Health

"I declared the Professional Spanish major because I knew I wanted to use Spanish in my future and work with Hispanic populations in Public Health. I love the major because it allows me to learn more about my field (Public Health) in another language. People always say that knowing another language will help you find jobs, but knowing another language that is actually specific to my field is going to be an even greater benefit."

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