

# MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

## DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, CULTURES AND WRITING

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS



## MAJORS

- Modern Languages and Cultures w/ a concentration in Cultural Area Studies (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 Professional Japanese
- Minor in Spanish
- Minor in Professional Spanish
- Minor in Asian Studies
- Certificate in Middle Eastern Studies
- Certificate in Global Learning and Cultural Competence - Professional Spanish
- Certificate of Spanish Language and Cultural Awareness for Healthcare

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## 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. There are 2 BA programs in Spanish that concentrate in the acquisition of language skills and culture incorporating high-impact practices, active learning and relevant interdisciplinary collaboration into a four-year course of study. We also have the BA in Cultural Area Studies which allows students interested in expanding their knowledge of Asian and Middle Eastern cultures beyond the minor to continue onto a major that takes an interdisciplinary approach to the learning experience.

Minors in Arabic, Japanese, Middle Eastern, and Asian 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.

## 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
- 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
- Japanese Club
- Spanish Club



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### Ann Hergenrother, '22

*Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) M.A.*

ESL Instructor, Butler County Community College;  
Works with students in English as a Second Language Learning.

### Jordan Gill, '21

*Culture Area Studies: Japanese, B.A.*

Assistant Language Teacher, JET Program.  
Lives in Saga, Japan and teaches English as a Second Language through JET to elementary and middle schoolers.

### Anastasia (Anja) Michlik, '21

*Double major Professional Spanish and Political Science*

Currently residing in Madrid, Spain pursuing a master's program in Bilingual and Multicultural Education at Universidad de Alcalá. While in Spain, Anja also teaches English to speakers of other languages.

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