LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES

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Mission

The mission of the Department is to impart an understanding of world languages, literatures, and cultures within the context of a liberal and humanistic education. We afford students experiences that highlight oral and written literacy, literary analysis, critical skills, and cultural and aesthetic appreciation through instruction in literature, culture, and linguistics in various languages, including American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Spanish.

Through engaged teaching, innovative research, diverse creative activity, and dedicated service, the Department strives to:

• Communicate an understanding of languages, literatures, and cultures within the context of a humanistic liberal education;
• Connect with individuals and communities within the department, across the campus, the state, the nation, and the world to foster a culture of meaningful intellectual inquiry, participatory and life-long learning that promotes respect for all;
• Contribute to the University’s strategic goal of internationalizing the campus as we prepare our students to excel in a variety of professions and graduate studies.

Programs

The Department offers the programs listed below.

• Language Placement Test in French, German, Russian, or Spanish

Students with one or more years of high school French, German, Russian, or Spanish who wish to continue the study of that same language at UNC Greensboro must take the Language Placement Test.

Incoming transfer students returning to the study of French, German, Russian, or Spanish begun in high school but not previously pursued at the college level, must also take the test. Transfer students with college-level foreign languages credit are encouraged to take the placement test to determine their best starting point.
The Language Placement Test is administered at SOAR orientation sessions during the summer and before the beginning of each semester. The test may also be taken during the year on an individual basis, by appointment, in the Department’s office. Students should call the Department at 336-334-5655 to schedule their appointment.

Language Placement Test scores are valid for one year after the test is taken. The test can be taken only once a year. Once a student has begun the lower-level sequence (101–204/241), she or he cannot retake the placement test in order to place out of any of the remaining courses in the sequence.

A student who scores at the interview-stage level and is planning to continue in the language at the 300 level should consult the Director of Undergraduate Study for the appropriate language or another designated faculty member before registering for any other course in the language. The advisor will interview the student in order to determine his or her placement at the 300 level or recommend courses at the intermediate level to reinforce the student’s background in language.

If a student who scores at the interview-stage level does not plan to continue study in the language, the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures will confirm the student’s Language Placement Test scores with the University Registrar’s Office, and the student will be considered as having met the foreign language requirement at UNC Greensboro.

Students in need of additional advising or with concerns regarding the placement results are asked to make an appointment with a designated faculty member.

**Graduate Studies**

The Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, as part of its commitment to further the study of foreign languages and literatures both regionally and nationally, offers the Master of Arts (M.A.) in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures with a concentration in French and Francophone Studies or Spanish. Students may choose from a broad spectrum of courses and possibilities, whether they are interested in perfecting their knowledge of French or Spanish or pursuing doctoral studies. Each program is balanced and comprehensive while allowing for electives in French, Spanish, or a related field. A Masters of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) and a Masters of Education (M.Ed.) in Teacher Education with a concentration in French Education or Spanish Education are also offered. Most graduate classes are offered in the late afternoon, evening, or online to accommodate working professionals.

**Professor**
- Veronica Grossi
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- Ignacio Lopez

**Associate Professor**
- Mariche G Bayonas
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- Tatia Dorita Beal
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- Jessica Y Bennett
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- Nicholas Ryan Brown
- Tina Marie Hanford
- Mary Ann Horley
- Richard Matthew Morgan Hronek
- Daniel Tae-Suk Kim
- Kraig Carl Klingenberg
- Elin Leah Limburg
- Liliana Lira-Rivera
- Laura Lopez
- Joshua Lunsford
- Kevin M Reese
- Molly Rose Reininger
- Guadalupe Salinas Fernandez
- Catherine Ann Viano Laughon

**Graduate-level faculty**

- Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, B.A. ([catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/languages-literatures-cultures-ba/](https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/languages-literatures-cultures-ba/))
- Spanish, B.A. ([catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/spanish-ba/](https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/spanish-ba/))
- American Sign Language Undergraduate Minor ([catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/american-sign-language-minor/](https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/american-sign-language-minor/))
- Chinese Undergraduate Minor ([catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/chinese-minor/](https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/chinese-minor/))
- French and Francophone Studies Undergraduate Minor ([catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/french-francophone-studies-minor/](https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/french-francophone-studies-minor/))
- German Undergraduate Minor ([catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/german-minor/](https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/german-minor/))
- Russian Undergraduate Minor ([catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/russian-minor/](https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/russian-minor/))
- Spanish Undergraduate Minor ([catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/spanish-minor/](https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/spanish-minor/))
- Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Second Academic Concentration ([catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/languages-literatures-cultures-second-academic-concentration/](https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/languages-literatures-cultures-second-academic-concentration/))
- Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, M.A. ([catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/languages-literatures-cultures-ma/](https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/languages-literatures-cultures-ma/))
• Master of Arts in Teaching, M.A.T. (https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/teaching-concentration-french-spanish-education-ma/)
• Teacher Education, M.Ed. (https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/teacher-education-med/)
• Advanced Spanish Language and Hispanic Cultural Studies, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/advanced-spanish-language-hispanic-cultural-studies-pbc/)