

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL & MODERN LANGUAGES

Languages

- Truman encourages students to immerse themselves in a broad range of languages:
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| Ancient Greek | German | Japanese | Spanish |
| Arabic | Hebrew | Old English | Wolof |
| Chinese | Italian | Portuguese | |
| French | Latin | Russian | |

Programs

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Classics, French, German, Spanish, and Russian as well as in Romance Languages**
- Minors in Ancient Greek, Asian Studies, Classical Studies, French, German, Italian Studies, Latin, Medieval Studies, Russian Studies, Spanish, and Spanish for the Professions
- Bachelor of Science (BS) and minor in Linguistics (Department of English and Linguistics)
- Master of Arts in Education (MAE) in French, Spanish, and Romance Languages

Faculty

- Experienced faculty teach all courses at all levels**
- Native speakers from Argentina, Austria, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Senegal, and Spain
- Researchers with extensive travel experience throughout the European Union (Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, and Spain), Russia, French-speaking Canada, as well as Central and South America (especially Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil, and Chile)
- Leaders in national and regional language organizations
- Authors of books, journal articles, poems, and plays
- Visiting scholars in Chinese and Russian

In The Classroom

- Study of a foreign language is a priority on Truman's campus: approximately 1/3 of Truman students are enrolled in a foreign language class at any given time
- Class size for advanced courses ranges from 5-20 students
- Average GPA for CML majors: 3.41
- Small size of major programs ensures personal attention:

14 Classics majors	27 Romance Language majors
48 French majors	19 Russian majors
26 German majors	110 Spanish majors

Beyond The Classroom

- Immersion experience for Spanish students in Casa Hispanica
- State-of-the-art language lab
- In-room on-line language practice
- Podcasts in residence halls
- Peer instructors (tutors) gain experience teaching the target language**
- Teletandem (face-to-face instant video conferencing) with students at Universidade Estadual de São Paulo
- Contact with over 240 international students from 40 different countries, especially during International Week, an annual campus-wide celebration featuring an annual International Dinner and International Idol Competition
- Annual International Film Festival in downtown Kirksville
- Service learning opportunities with Hispanic immigrants and others**
- Conversation tables in residence halls and off-campus
- Poetry readings and theater performances in the original language
- Immersion weekends for French, German, and Spanish students**
- Social occasions/informal gatherings with food and entertainment
- Easy availability of international media including television broadcasts in the language lab, residence halls and library; newspapers and films

Beyond The Borders: Study Abroad

- Members of the Truman faculty take their students abroad:
 - Aix-en-Provence, France: Prof. Patrick Lobert
 - Chambéry, France: Prof. Tim Farley
 - Costa Rica: Prof. Vera Piper
 - Düsseldorf, Germany: Prof. Ernst Hintz
 - Salamanca, Spain: Prof. Silvia Pites
 - Shanghai, China: Prof. Julie Minn
- Study abroad opportunities in over fifty different countries, including an exchange program with Shanghai University in China
- Internships abroad to fit a variety of academic and career goals
- Financial aid is available, including Truman State University Foundation Scholarships
- Cultural loans available for all programs

Student Organizations

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| Anime Club | Hispanic American |
| Classics Club | Leadership Organization |
| French Club | Italian Club |
| German Club | Russian Club |
| Hablantes Unidos | Society for Sino-American Study |
| | Spanish Club |

Scholarships/Honors

- Foreign Language Scholarships
- Eta Sigma Phi (Classics National Honor Society)
- Pi Delta Phi (French NHS)
- Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish NHS)
- Departmental Honors in Classics, German, and Spanish
- Outstanding Student of the Year in Classics, French, German, Romance Languages, Russian, and Spanish
- Fulbright Grants awarded to Truman students in 2012 for study in Bulgaria, Germany, and Mexico

Research & Internships

- Truman's capstone experience features a scholarly project in a student's major field. Examples of recent projects include:
 - Cynthia Brenner (Spanish): "La evolución del papel de la mujer a través de la historia mexicana"
 - Joshua Holt (French) "Traduction de *La Danse juive* par Lise Tremblay"
 - Van Le (Classics): "Anthropomorphism and Anthropocentrism in Pliny's Depiction of Domestic Animals"
 - Adam Miller (Russian): "Translation from Russian of the First Chapter of Aleksandra Marinina's Mystery Novel *Men's Games*"
- Participation at Truman's annual Student Research Conference including:
 - Alyson Collins, "Homeric Justice and Achilles' Shield"
 - David Giovagnoli, "Classical Nontraditionalism: the Relationship between Catullus and Modernist Poetry"
 - Cecilia Muruato, "The Mexican Baroque: the Survival of Indigenous Artistic Traditions"
 - Abigail Temple, "Regional Variations and Language Attitudes in French: Pacard and Berrichon"
- Participation at the annual National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) as well as at international conferences
- Summer research grants support student work with faculty
- Student assistants often assist faculty with language-based research
- Internships in Jefferson City, Washington D.C., and abroad

Graduate School

- Approximately 56% of our graduates immediately enroll in graduate programs, law schools, and other professional schools, including the following:

Bryn Mawr	University of Arizona
Concordia University (Montréal)	University of Colorado
Cornell University	University of Illinois
Drake University Law School	University of Iowa
George Washington University	University of Kansas
Indiana University	University of Kentucky
Monterey Institute of International Studies	University of Michigan
Northwestern University	University of Minnesota
Truman State University	University of Missouri
Université du Québec à Montréal	University of Nebraska
Universidad de Costa Rica	University of North Carolina
	University of Texas
	University of Wisconsin
	Yale Divinity School

Careers

- Majoring in a foreign language prepares students to enter a variety of careers, around the country and around the world. A sample of careers which have attracted our students include the following:
- Spanish, French, and Latin instruction in schools across the state and nation
 - Fulbright sponsored teaching English as a second language in France, Germany, and Russia
 - Teaching English as a second language in Japan, Korea, Vietnam, and France
 - Mission work in Brazil, Costa Rica, and Guatemala
 - Professor of Spanish Education, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
 - Chair of the Department of Hispanic Studies, College of St. Benedict (MN)
 - Founder and Director of the Institute of Modern Spanish, Mérida, Mexico
 - Radio Caracas Televisión (Venezuela)
 - Assistant Professor of French, Kansas State University
 - Instructor of Spanish, University of South Dakota
 - Attorneys at firms and organizations across the country
 - Spanish Acquisitions Librarian, Kansas City Public Library