

# DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL & MODERN LANGUAGES



“Studying Spanish in the Department of Classical & Modern Languages at Truman has afforded me countless opportunities for personal, academic, and professional growth. During my time here, I have benefitted from study abroad, internships, professional and freelance employment in my field, volunteerism, and extracurricular activities, and so much more!”

**Emma Merrigan, Class of 2014**  
Pursued at Truman: Spanish  
Currently pursuing: Graduate studies in Spanish Literature  
Hometown: St. Joseph, Mo.

## Languages

Immerse yourself in a broad range of languages:

Ancient Greek	French	Latin	Russian
Arabic	German	Japanese	Spanish
Chinese	Italian	Portuguese	Swahili

## Programs

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees in Classics, French, German, Romance Languages, Spanish and Russian.
- Approximately 60% of CML majors earn a double major—in a second language, Business, Political Science, Biology, Mathematics, Psychology, Communications, Communication Disorders and many other fields.
- A CML major is a great complement to pre-professional programs, especially in education, medicine, health sciences, and law.
- Pursue a minor in French, French in Translation, German, Greek, Latin, Spanish, Spanish for the Professions (Health and Business), and Russian Studies.
- Interdisciplinary minors are offered in Asian Studies, Classical Studies and Italian Studies.
- Earn an interdisciplinary major in Chinese Studies, Italian Studies or Japanese Studies.
- Master of Arts in Education degrees are offered in French, Romance Languages and Spanish.

## Faculty

- Experienced faculty teach all courses at all levels.
- 36 full-time faculty members, most of whom hold a PhD in their field.
- Native speakers from Argentina, Austria, China, Colombia, Cuba, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Senegal, and Spain.
- Leaders in national and regional language organizations.
- Published authors of books, journal articles, poems, and plays.

## 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 5-25 students.

## Beyond The Classroom

- Live, eat and breathe language? Choose to room in the Romance Languages living-learning community in Missouri Hall.
- Experience service-learning opportunities with Hispanic immigrants and others.
- Participate in poetry readings and theater performances in the original language.



“Students find creative joy performing French plays. That is gratifying, all the more so when their joy infects audiences. After seeing Truman students perform a French play several years ago, a colleague from another university said to me: ‘I had always heard Truman was a special place, now I understand why.’”

**Dr. Patrick Lobert**  
Professor of French

- Try an immersion weekend for French and Spanish students.
- Join a conversation table in the residence halls and off-campus.

## Service Learning

- Taiwan-Connect (teaching English to students in Taiwan via Skype).
- Latin instruction in local schools.
- English instruction to the Congolese immigrant community.

## Study Abroad

- Study abroad with members of the Truman faculty:
 

Annecey, France	Mérida, Mexico
Chambéry, France	Salamanca, Spain
Costa Rica	Shanghai, China
Düsseldorf, Germany	
- Opportunities in more than 60 different countries, including an exchange program with Shanghai University in China.
- Internships abroad to fit a variety of academic and career goals.
- Monetary assistance is available, including Truman State University Foundation Scholarships.
- Cultural loans available for all programs.

## After the Degree

- Live and work abroad as Fulbright or Boren Scholars in Andorra, Argentina, Germany, Mozambique, Russia, Thailand, Venezuela, Bulgaria, Spain, Georgia, and Mexico.
- Attend graduate school in fields such as academic administration, communications, education, law, linguistics, literature, medicine, and translation/interpretation at schools such as Yale University, George Washington University, University of Kentucky, Monterrey Institute of International Studies, University of Wisconsin, University of North Carolina, University of Michigan, Cornell University, Northwestern University, University of Texas-Austin, and University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign.
- Teach English as a Foreign Language in countries such as China, Italy, Spain, France, Japan, Korea, Russia, Taiwan and Vietnam.
- Teach elementary, middle and high school throughout Missouri and the nation.
- Practice law, earning a J.D. degree from universities such as Georgetown University, Washington University, the University of Colorado-Boulder, the University of Missouri, and the University of Pittsburgh.
- Practice medicine, earning a M.D. or D.O. degree at schools such as St. Louis University, School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona, and A.T. Still University.
- Become a university professor at schools like the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, University of Queensland-Australia, University of Kansas, Michigan State University, Bucknell University, and the University of Houston.
- Write professionally as a novelist, screen writer, or journalist.
- Work as a professional translator in the United States and Canada or as a print editor abroad.
- Establish your own business, like Arts and Letters boutique (Springfield, Mo.), Renderance Translation Services (St. Louis, Mo.), Institute of Modern Spanish (Mérida, Mexico) and hold a management position in international business and trade.
- Work for a non-profit at home or abroad.

## Immerse Yourself in Culture

“A different language is a different vision of the world.” — Federico Fellini

Be inspired. Learn how acquiring a new language can affect your views of the world.

Study abroad for a summer or semester in any of 63 countries.

Learn from peers and professors at weekly conversation tables or Immersion Weekends.

Speak your language daily in a semi-immersion residence hall or use it actively in the community through a Service Learning course.

Learn through understanding. Prepare for a life that matters.

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### PURSuing CLASSICAL & MODERN LANGUAGES

**BA**  
DEGREE  
OFFERED

MAJORS OFFERED  
Classics, French, German,  
Romance Languages,  
Russian, Spanish

### MINORS OFFERED

Asian Studies, Classical Studies,  
French, French Minor in Translation,  
German, Greek, Italian Studies, Latin,  
Russian Studies, Spanish, Spanish  
Minor for the Professions

**185** | **475**

approximate number  
of students pursuing  
one of these majors

approximate number  
of students pursuing  
one of these minors

**36** full-time faculty members

DEPARTMENTAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS  
Anime Club, Classics Club, German Club,  
Hablantes Unidos, Hispanic American Leadership  
Organization, Ciao, Russian Club, Society for  
Sino-American Study, Spanish Club  
HONOR SOCIETIES: Eta Sigma Phi (Classics);  
Pi Delta Pi (French); Delta Phi Alpha (German);  
Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish)