

Modern Languages at Truman

Degree offered

BA

in Modern Language with specializations in: French, German, Russian, and Spanish

Minors offered

Asian Studies, Chinese, French, French Minor for the Professions, French Minor in Translation, German, Italian Studies, Japanese, Russian Studies, Spanish, Spanish Minor for the Professions, Foreign Language Teacher Preparation

The department offers the following languages: Ancient Greek, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

135

approximate number of students pursuing this major

330

approximate number of students pursuing these minors

27

full-time faculty members

82%

of faculty have a PhD

36% (or about 1/3) of Truman students are enrolled in a foreign language class at any given time.

Faculty include native speakers from Austria, China, Colombia, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Senegal, and Spain.

62%

of majors are double majoring in another subject

Common double majors include another language, Business Administration, Political Science and International Relations, Biology, Psychology, English, Linguistics, Philosophy/Religion, and History.



Opportunities for hands-on language learning: The **Romance Language House** semi-immersion living-learning community; weekly **conversation tables** in all languages; **service learning** opportunities with native speakers in the community, in the schools, and Taiwan Connect with schools in Taiwan; **immersion weekends** in different languages.



Study Abroad

Faculty-led study abroad programs travel to San José, Costa Rica; Mérida, Mexico; Salamanca, Spain; Shanghai, China; and Kyoto, Japan.

Students can prepare to teach a foreign language through Truman's Master of Arts in Education degree in French or Spanish with an option to add ESOL (English for Second Language Learners) certification.

37% of graduates enter graduate school immediately following Truman



“The greatest benefit of my Truman education was the close access to professors. In addition to small class sizes, my professors worked with me on specific areas of interest, both in and out of the classroom. Not only did they mentor me during my time as a Truman student, but they continue to do so as I applied for and now begin my graduate studies. But perhaps more importantly, they supported me not only as a student, but as a person and community member, encouraging healthy habits and community service.”

— LUKE BISHOP, Class of 2017

Pursued at Truman: Romance Languages major, Linguistics and International Studies minors, Fulbright grant to teach English in Spain following graduation
Currently pursuing: Master of Arts in Spanish Linguistics at the University of Wisconsin – Madison
Student organizations: Symphony Orchestra, United Speakers, Sigma Delta Pi, Catholic Newman Center, Pershing Society, Study Abroad Ambassador
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