FOREIGN LANGUAGES

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

CSUS offers courses and/or degrees in the foreign languages listed below. Refer to appropriate section of catalog for course descriptions and requirements.

Chinese • Minor
French • Bachelor of Arts, Subject Matter Program, Minor
German • Bachelor of Arts, Subject Matter Program, Minor
Italian • Minor
Japanese • Minor
Latin • Minor
Portuguese • Minor
Russian • Minor
Spanish • Bachelor of Arts, Subject Matter Program, Minor, Master of Arts

In addition, coursework is available in:

African
Greek
Hebrew
Linguistics

FEATURES

International Programs are offered in France, Germany, Italy, Quebec, and Spain.

In addition, three summer MA programs in Spanish are offered in Mexico, Peru, Costa Rica/Guatemala and Spain. Graduate Student Exchange Programs are offered to France, Germany, and Spain.

Department publications: Explicación de Textos Literarios and the Society for Germanic Philology Newsletter.

Honor Societies exist for the areas of French, German, Russian and Spanish. Foreign Language Clubs are organized for Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. Community internships and field experience are offered in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

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FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSES

FORL 200. Materials and Methods of Research. Intended for graduate students in the Department of Foreign Languages. Objectives: to enable students to select a topic and write parts of a hypothetical master’s thesis or project; to introduce students to bibliographical resources available in the University Library and elsewhere; to locate and use bibliographical cultural and educational materials and resources on the Internet. 3 units.

FORL 201. Methods and Theory of Literary Studies. A graduate seminar that will provide a historical overview of the evolving discipline of literary studies and an intensive study of the methods by which these studies have been and can be pursued, as well as of the premises and assumptions that underlie the endeavor. While the field of literary studies is transnational and transdisciplinary, the course will be tailored to track contributions from the target cultures, and readings in the target language will be encouraged where relevant. 3 units.

FORL 240. Technology and the Foreign Language Experience. While improving all productive and receptive language skills, familiarizes students with two areas of the foreign language experience involving modern technology: (1) the use of technological advancements in second language acquisition including interactive video, CD-ROM, microcomputer software, integrated multi-media, and (2) the use of foreign language media resources from around the world - television, radio, film, video, newspapers, journals, magazines, Internet. 3 units.

FORL 292. Topics in Comparative Literature. Studies in themes, literary genres, groups and movements in western literature that encompass more than one language or nation. Such studies may cover a theme or movement through time and/or across national and cultural boundaries. FORL 292 may be repeated for credit provided the topic is not repeated. 3 units.

FORL 294. Field Experience. Directed fieldwork in a project which uses the language skills developed through previous study of the target language (French, German, or Spanish). The projects may include interpreting and translating for public and/or private agencies and/or outside of Sacramento, work abroad, or other projects approved by the faculty supervisor prior to commencement of the project. Prerequisite: Advance competency in the target language and instructor permission. 1-3 units.

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GREEK COURSES

GREK 199. Special Problems in Greek. Individual projects or directed readings. Note: Open only to students who appear competent to carry on independent study; admission requires the approval of the instructor by whom the work is to be supervised. 1-3 units.

HEBREW COURSES

HEB 001A. Biblical Hebrew. The first semester of this sequence will be devoted to the decipherment of Hebrew script, the acquisition of basic vocabulary, and the study of the major parts of speech, with particular emphasis given to simple verb conjugation. 3 units.

HEB 001B. Biblical Hebrew. Continuation of HEB 001A. The second semester of this sequence will emphasize the mastery and development of vocabulary and knowledge of Biblical syntax to the point of being able to approach any passage of Biblical poetry or prose with a complete understanding of the linguistic rules governing that passage. 3 units.

HEB 199. Special Problems in Hebrew. Individual project or directed biblical readings. Note: Open only to students who appear competent to carry on individual work; admission required the approval of the faculty member under whom the work is to be conducted. 1-3 units.

LINGUISTICS COURSES

LING 096. Experimental Offerings in Linguistics. Experimental courses will be scheduled as needed. 3 units.

LING 130. Introduction to Language and Linguistics. An introduction to the study of language which explores its major components (phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics), its uniqueness, language change, the impact of linguistics in other fields, and its practical applications. 3 units.

LING 199. Special Problems in Linguistics. Individual problems in any area of linguistics: theoretical, descriptive, applied, historical or comparative. 1-3 units.

AFRICAN COURSES

AFRL 096. Experimental Offerings in African. Special lower division experimental courses will be scheduled as needed. 3 units.

AFRL 196. Experimental Offerings in African. Special upper division experimental courses will be scheduled as needed. 3 units.

AFRL 199. Special Problems. Individual projects or directed reading. Note: Open only to students who appear competent to carry on individual work. Prerequisite: Approval of the faculty member under whom the individual work is to be conducted. 1-3 units.