

MODERN LANGUAGES

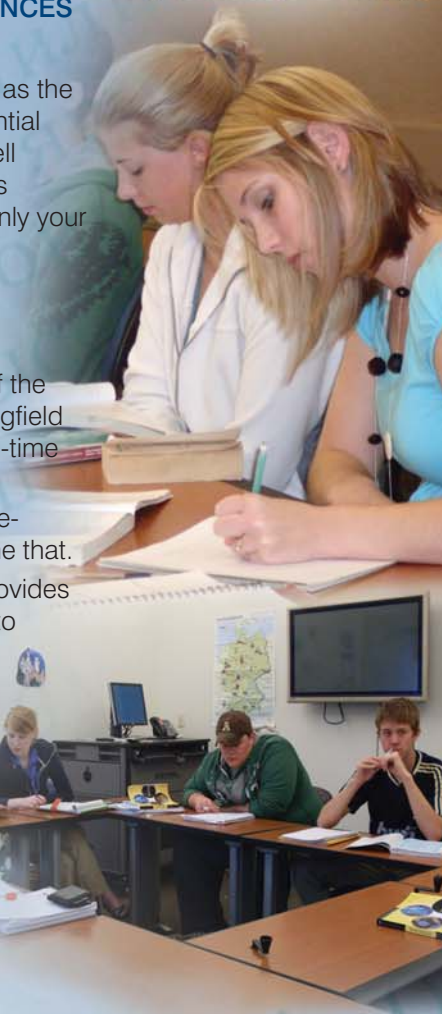
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES



The world's economies rise and fall together. Pandemics cross borders. World peace is as fragile as the most war-torn region. The planet is shrinking and understanding other cultures has become essential in this new global environment. Students who learn another language are at an advantage and well positioned to excel in business, government, public health, or whatever career they choose. In this student-centered program, you will develop skills in oral and written expression and expand not only your job opportunities but your world.

Advantage UIS

- **Five languages.** Choose **French, German, Spanish, Japanese, or Russian.** Additional languages and related courses may be taken at one of the member institutions of the Central Illinois Foreign Language Consortium - UIS, Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield College, Illinois College, and MacMurray College. Each institution has agreed to allow its full-time students to enroll in any otherwise-unavailable foreign language course.
- **Faculty Expertise.** At UIS, foreign language instructors are all native speakers or have native-speaking ability. There is no substitute for learning from those who have been there and done that.
- **Study Abroad.** Want to exercise your skills abroad? The UIS Global Experience program provides opportunities in Peru and Quebec, Canada, for students of Modern Languages, in addition to connections to more than 2,500 study abroad programs around the world.



What can I do with a foreign language?

Our graduates use their language proficiency to enhance their major and expand the job opportunities in their chosen field. Growing opportunities exist for interpreters and translators, business executives, technology educators and translators, teachers, news reporters, law enforcement personnel, medical translators, geoscientists and other energy experts, financial managers, sales and marketing, health professionals, health educators, homeland security, foreign service workers, the armed forces, and more.

Global economy. Graduates who can understand complex international business transactions and the cultures involved, even translate when needed, will be in great demand not only by corporations but by government entities, here and abroad.

Federal jobs. Since 9-11, the FBI has hired close to 1,000 linguists. The National Security Agency is hiring hundreds of language analysts per year. The U.S. Customs and Border Patrol recruited 2,000 students with foreign language proficiency in a single year in 2006. (*National Academy of Public Administration and Partnership for Public Service*). Jobs for bi-lingual and multi-lingual graduates are expected to keep rising dramatically in an increasingly complex world.

The language of health. Public health agencies in U.S. cities and border states have long identified the need for bi-lingual health professionals as our population becomes more culturally diverse. Internationally, the demand for personnel who understand other cultures and languages will become critical as the world faces the challenge of containing and preventing pandemics.

Immersion. Student-run foreign language clubs provide a place for you to hone your language skills. There is also a strong link between language groups and the international student body at UIS. You'll not only converse with these native-speaking students but make friends with people from all over the world.



Knowledge of a second language is an essential component in the formation of an educated person in this increasingly interconnected world. Real use of a second language allows graduates to compete and cooperate both at home and in the international arena.

The Curriculum

The curriculum is based on instruction models that emphasize the four language skills: speaking, reading, writing and listening. After completing the final semester of the four-course language sequence, students should be able to speak, understand, read, and write in cognate languages (French, German, or Spanish) at an intermediate-mid level, or at, in non-cognate languages (Japanese or Russian), an intermediate-low level.

How to Enroll

Currently enrolled Modern Languages students should send an email to LNG@uis.edu. Approvals will be issued in the order that they are received. Please no phone calls or in-person requests, in order to assure accuracy.

- Include your first and last name, UIN, course number and section (for example LNG 121-A) and course title (for example, Elementary Spanish I). This is to ensure that you get the correct course that you are requesting.
- Please indicate in the email whether or not you have spoken with your academic advisor.
- We strongly encourage seniors to request WPIs quickly, to avoid a delay in graduation.
- Students have seven (7) days from the date of their time ticket to register for the course, or their approval will expire. This way, other students who may have been waiting for the same course will have a chance to register. If this happens, the Modern Languages Program recommends finding another section, or to explore options for other courses. Students can also re-request the same course if it is open.

Students who are interested in taking a Modern Languages course should send an email to LNG@uis.edu

- Include your name, class standing (for example “freshman”), the language you would like to take, and the number of years that you have studied the language.
- If you have not studied the language, please indicate that in the email. The six languages that the Program currently offers are French, German, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish.

Students who are interested in earning proficiency credit should send an email to LNG@uis.edu indicating the language for which you would like to earn credit.

- Include your first and last name, UIN, and the language for which you would like to be tested. Proficiency exams are currently available in the following languages: French, German, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.
- Please indicate in your email if you need a test in a language not listed above. The Program may be able to meet your needs.

Capital Scholars Honors Program Requirement

The oral and written proficiency gained through completing the fourth course in a language sequence offered at UIS is necessary to fulfill one of the requirements of the Capital Scholars Honors program.

General Education Requirement

Third and fourth semester language classes fulfill parts of the UIS general education curriculum. Students should consult advisors for details.

Modern Languages Placement Testing

The tests are administered on campus and are intended to evaluate students’ language levels in order to place them in the appropriate class. The score will not become part of your permanent record.

- Incoming students must take a placement test.
- Students who have received previous college credit or AP credit are also required to take a placement test, should they wish to continue in that language at UIS.
- Students who have not formally studied the language that they wish to study at UIS are not required to take a placement test.

If your test score places you above the fourth semester level, you will be eligible to take a proficiency test to determine whether your language ability qualifies you to meet the language requirement. In addition to passing the requirement, a passing score will earn you four credit hours.

Visit our website for more information on:

- Smart classrooms
- French, German, Japanese and Spanish Clubs
- External oral exams
- Modern Languages instructors

To view course descriptions

uis.edu/uiscatalog

Contact Information

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The University of Illinois Springfield is one of three campuses of the world class University of Illinois. Located on 746 picturesque acres in the state capital, UIS is a small, public liberal arts university where you learn in small classes with professors who know you. UIS offers 43 degree programs –

22 bachelor’s, 20 master’s, and the Doctorate of Public Administration. The university has a special mission in public affairs and is known for extraordinary internships, extensive online offerings, and a commitment to engaging students in the community and the world. Enrollment is 4,961 (fall 2009).

