

Modern Languages

Language courses offered in:
Chinese and Spanish

Spanish Minor

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The University of Illinois at Springfield offers classes in Chinese and Spanish. A minor in Spanish is also offered.

Modern Languages classes are kept small to ensure individual attention. Course offerings in Modern Languages are listed in the current course schedule under the LNG course prefix. Permission of the instructor is required to enroll.

Central Illinois Foreign Language and International Studies Consortium

UIS students may also apply to study (for UIS credit) the foreign languages offered at Lincoln Land Community College, Benedictine University, Illinois College, and MacMurray College through the Central Illinois Foreign Language and International Studies Consortium. Please contact the Modern Languages office for information.

Proficiency Testing

Students can obtain proficiency credit by completing a proficiency exam conducted by Modern Languages faculty. Proficiency testing is available in the languages that we typically offer, but is ultimately contingent upon the availability of faculty in those languages. Students seeking proficiency testing in languages that our program does not offer will be responsible for arranging for an examiner to work with our office to complete the testing.

Grading Policy

Students must obtain a grade of C or higher (grades of C- or lower will not be accepted) to advance to the next level of language course work.

Modern Language Courses

Note: Language availability is subject to change on a semester-by-semester basis. Students should consult with the department to determine availability.

LNG 295	Foreign Language Competency	4
Chinese Courses		
LNG 141	Elementary Chinese I	3
LNG 142	Elementary Chinese II	3
LNG 241	Intermediate Chinese I	4
LNG 242	Intermediate Chinese II	4
Spanish Courses		
LNG 121	Elementary Spanish I	3
LNG 122	Elementary Spanish II	3
LNG 221	Intermediate Spanish I	4
LNG 222	Intermediate Spanish II	4

LNG 225	ECCE: Spanish Language Immersion and Latinoamerican Cultures	4
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Spanish Minor

Students pursuing the Spanish minor will make cross-cultural connections with their own disciplines of studies. The Spanish minor focuses on Spanish for the professions, a focus that follows nationwide trends in order to enhance students' academic and career opportunities. Spanish for the professions intertwines established minors/majors such as business, communication, criminal justice, health, English, global studies, teaching, theatre, and social services. This approach ensures that students will compete in the twenty-first century global economy with the required language skills that employers consider vital in today's job market.

To earn a minor in Spanish, students need to complete a total of 17 credit hours.

Prerequisite Course ¹

LNG 222	Intermediate Spanish II	4
or LNG 295	Foreign Language Competency	

Required Course

LNG 321	Spanish Civilization and Culture	4
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Elective Courses

Select three of the following:		9
LNG 332	Spanish for Public Affairs	
LNG 344	Spanish for Business	
LNG 355	Spanish for Healthcare	
LNG 368	Spanish-Speaking Communities	
LNG 371	Spanish for Communication	
LNG 382	Spanish for the Arts	
LNG 396	Spanish for Educators	

Total Hours		17
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¹ Only these two course options will count as prerequisites for the Spanish minor. LNG 121, LNG 122, and LNG 221 do not count toward the Spanish minor.

Courses

LNG 091. ESL Reading and Writing. 2-4 Hours.

Designed for bilingual and non-native English speakers, this course aims to improve students' reading and writing abilities across the curriculum. Students engage with texts by writing summaries, essays, and reports. Students improve their reading comprehension and speed. Students learn note-taking strategies, develop more sophisticated syntax, and acquire a greater vocabulary base. Course Information: To be taken prior to LNG 101. This course is not designated for transfer credit, nor will credit be given toward a degree.

LNG 092. ESL Speaking and Listening. 2-4 Hours.

Designed for bilingual and non-native speakers of English who wish to improve their confidence, fluency, and accuracy in speaking in academic and social environments. Students will improve their listening comprehension of lectures, dialogues and group discussion. This course emphasizes speaking skills such as using more natural pronunciation, intonation, and rhythm and giving short presentations. Course Information: To be taken prior to LNG 101 and COM 112. This course is not designated for transfer credit, nor will credit be given toward a degree.

LNG 101. ESL Advanced Oral and Written Communication. 2-4 Hours.

Designed as the advanced course in the English as Second Language (ESL) curriculum, LNG 101 improves oral and written communication skills while examining select global issues including their history, current context and impact. In addition to extensive reading, writing class discussion, and oral presentations, students will conduct independent research. Course Information: For students whose first or primary language is not English. To be taken prior to ENG 101, CAP 111.

LNG 111. Elementary French I. 4 Hours.

This course, the first in the sequence of four, begins the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing of the French language as well as the development of awareness of cultural differences in francophone countries. It is designed for students with no previous study of French or for students whose knowledge of French does not permit placement in a higher level. Available: Fall semester.

LNG 112. Elementary French II. 4 Hours.

This course, the second in the sequence of four, continues the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills of the French language, as well as promoting understanding of daily life in francophone countries. Available: Spring semester. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 111 or placement through testing.

LNG 121. Elementary Spanish I. 3 Hours.

This course, the first in the sequence of four, begins the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing of the Spanish language as well as the development of awareness of cultural differences in countries where Spanish is the primary language. It is designed for students with no previous study of Spanish or for students whose knowledge of Spanish does not permit placement in a higher level. Available: Fall and Spring semesters.

LNG 122. Elementary Spanish II. 3 Hours.

This course, the second in the sequence of four, continues the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills of the Spanish language, as well as promoting understanding of daily life in countries whose primary language is Spanish. Available: Fall semester and Spring semester. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 121 or placement through testing.

LNG 131. Elementary German I. 4 Hours.

This course, the first in the sequence of four, begins the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing of the German language as well as the development of awareness of cultural differences in countries where German is the primary language. It is designed for students with no previous study of German or for students whose knowledge of German does not permit placement in a higher level. Available: Fall semester.

LNG 132. Elementary German II. 4 Hours.

This course, the second in the sequence of four, continues the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills of the German language, as well as promoting understanding of daily life in countries whose primary language is German. Available: Spring semester. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 131 or placement through testing.

LNG 141. Elementary Chinese I. 3 Hours.

This course, the first in the sequence of four, begins the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing of Mandarin, as well as the development of awareness of cultural differences. It is designed for students with no previous study of Mandarin or for students whose knowledge of Mandarin does not permit placement in a higher level. Available: Fall semester.

LNG 142. Elementary Chinese II. 3 Hours.

This course, the second in the sequence of four, continues the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills of Mandarin, as well as promoting understanding of cultural differences. Available: Spring semester. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 141 or placement through testing.

LNG 151. Elementary Japanese I. 4 Hours.

This course, the first in the sequence of four, begins the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing of Japanese as well as the development of awareness of cultural differences. It is designed for students with no previous study of Japanese or for students whose knowledge of Japanese does not permit placement in a higher level. Available: Fall semester.

LNG 152. Elementary Japanese II. 4 Hours.

This course, the second in the sequence of four, continues the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills of Japanese, as well as promoting understanding of cultural differences. Available: Spring semester. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 151 or placement through testing.

LNG 161. Elementary Russian I. 4 Hours.

This course, the first in the sequence of four, begins the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing of Russian as well as the development of awareness of cultural differences. It is designed for students with no previous study of Russian or for students whose knowledge of Russian does not permit placement in a higher level. Available: Fall semester.

LNG 162. Elementary Russian II. 4 Hours.

This course, the second in the sequence of four, continues the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills of Russian, as well as promoting understanding of cultural differences. Available: Spring semester. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 161 or placement through testing.

LNG 171. Elementary Arabic. 4 Hours.

This course, the first in the sequence of four, begins the development of the four language skills: listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and elementary writing of the Arabic language as well as an awareness of the culture. It is designed for students with no previous study of Arabic or for students whose knowledge of Arabic does not permit placement in a higher level. Available: Fall semester.

LNG 197. ESL Conversation Studio. 0 Hours.

The English as Second Language (ESL) Conversation Studio serves as supplemental instruction for all non-native English speakers who will benefit from general help with oral communication in academic and social environments. The Studio will focus on improving speaker's confidence, fluency, and pronunciation. Credit/No Credit grading only.

LNG 199. ESL Writing Studio. 0 Hours.

The English as Second Language (ESL) Studio serves as supplemental instruction for all non-native English speakers who will benefit from general help with writing. Attending the ESL Studio does not replace attending ENG 101 and 102 Studios. Instruction focuses on writing/grammar themes and not course content. Credit/No Credit grading only.

LNG 211. Intermediate French I. 4 Hours.

This course, the third in the sequence of four, continues the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills of the French language, and the discussion of cultural differences in francophone countries. Course Information: Available Fall semester.

LNG 212. Intermediate French II. 4 Hours.

This course, the third in the sequence of four, continues the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills of the French language, and the discussion of cultural differences in francophone countries. Capital Scholars Honors students who successfully complete this course will satisfy their foreign language requirement. Available: Spring semester. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 112 or placement through testing. This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the area of Humanities.

LNG 215. Francophone Culture and Language Immersion. 3 Hours.

Students will travel to a francophone country where they will exercise French conversational skills, learn about local history, and increase their awareness of new cultures. Course Information: Prerequisite: Only students who have successfully completed LNG 212 at UIS, or those who can demonstrate through testing they possess that skill level may register. Available: Summer semester.

LNG 221. Intermediate Spanish I. 4 Hours.

This course, the third in the sequence of four, continues the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills of the Spanish language, and the discussion of cultural differences in countries whose primary language is Spanish. Available: Fall semester and Spring semester. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 122 or placement through testing.

LNG 222. Intermediate Spanish II. 4 Hours.

This course, the fourth in the sequence of four, continues the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills of the Spanish language, and familiarity with daily life in countries whose primary language is Spanish. Capital Scholars Honors students who successfully complete this course will satisfy their foreign language requirement. Available: Fall semester and Spring semester. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 221 or placement through testing. This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the area of Humanities.

LNG 225. ECCE: Spanish Language Immersion and Latinoamerican Cultures. 4 Hours.

Students will travel to a Spanish-speaking country to exercise Spanish conversational skills at an immersion level, as well as, learn about local history and increase their cultural, international, and regional awareness. Using Blackboard, students will also complete readings and written work in Spanish, prior and post traveling abroad. Course Information: Only students who have successfully completed LNG 222 at UIS, and/or those who can demonstrate, through testing, that they possess that oral and written skill level may register.

LNG 231. Intermediate German I. 4 Hours.

This course, the third in the sequence of four, continues the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills of the German language, and the discussion of cultural differences in countries whose primary language is German. Available: Fall semester. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 132 or placement through testing.

LNG 232. Intermediate German II. 4 Hours.

This course, the fourth in the sequence of four, continues the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills of the German language, and familiarity with daily life in countries whose primary language is German. Capital Scholars Honors students who successfully complete this course will satisfy their foreign language requirement. Available: Spring semester. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 231 or placement through testing. This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the area of Humanities.

LNG 241. Intermediate Chinese I. 4 Hours.

This course, the third in the sequence of four, continues the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills of Mandarin, as well as promoting sensitivity to cultural differences. Available: Fall semester. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 142 or placement through testing.

LNG 242. Intermediate Chinese II. 4 Hours.

This course, the fourth in the sequence of four, continues the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills of the Mandarin language, and the understanding of cultural differences. Capital Scholars Honors students who successfully complete this course will satisfy their foreign language requirement. Available: Spring semester. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 241 or placement through testing. This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the area of Humanities.

LNG 251. Intermediate Japanese I. 4 Hours.

This course, the third in the sequence of four, continues the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills of Japanese, as well as promoting sensitivity to cultural differences. Available: Fall semester. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 152 or placement through testing.

LNG 252. Intermediate Japanese II. 4 Hours.

This course, the fourth in the sequence of four, continues the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills of the Japanese language, and the understanding of cultural differences. Capital Scholars Honors students who successfully complete this course will satisfy their foreign language requirement. Available: Spring semester. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 251 or placement through testing. This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the area of Humanities.

LNG 261. Intermediate Russian I. 4 Hours.

This course, the third in the sequence of four, continues the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills of Russian, as well as promoting sensitivity to cultural differences. Available: Fall semester. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 162 or placement through testing.

LNG 262. Intermediate Russian II. 4 Hours.

This course, the fourth in the sequence of four, continues the development of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills of the Russian language, and the understanding of cultural differences. Capital Scholars Honors students who successfully complete this course will satisfy their foreign language requirement. Available: Spring semester. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 261 or placement through testing. This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the area of Humanities.

LNG 291. Academic English for Bilingual and Non-Native Speakers. 4 Hours.

This course develops language proficiency in speaking, writing, reading and listening while investigating a singular topic. Designed to prepare students for more advanced college level coursework, the course is open to all bilingual and non-native speakers and should be taken before writing and speaking intensive courses. Requires concurrent ESL Studio enrollment.

LNG 292. Advanced Academic English for Bilingual and Non-Native Speakers. 4 Hours.

Follows LNG 291 in developing academic English proficiency for advanced level college coursework. Students will conduct independent research. Open to all bilingual non-native speakers, LNG 292 should be taken before upper-level writing and speaking intensive courses. Requires concurrent ESL Studio enrollment.

LNG 295. Foreign Language Competency. 4 Hours.

Credit by examination for students who demonstrate the ability to speak, read and write a language other than English at a level at or above the level necessary to pass a fourth semester language course similar to those offered by the UIS Modern Languages program. In the case of ancient languages in which spoken competency is not expected, or unwritten languages where reading and writing is not expected, the student's competency level must be at or above a fourth semester level of reading and writing, or speaking, respectively. Course Information: Restricted to students who have passed the UIS English Proficiency Exam.

LNG 321. Spanish Civilization and Culture. 4 Hours.

This course will offer a panoramic overview of the history, civilization, and culture of the Spanish-speaking countries. History and literature will also be examined as the course emphasizes literary movements and other art expressions. The course will be conducted in Spanish. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 222 or LNG 295.

LNG 332. Spanish for Public Affairs. 3 Hours.

Students will develop language skills for non-profit organizations, community workers positions, the criminal justice field, and other related fields. The class will focus on the proficiency of speaking, reading, and writing skills required for effective communication in each context. The course will be conducted in Spanish. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 222 or LNG 295.

LNG 344. Spanish for Business. 3 Hours.

This course integrates and introduces students to business, marketing, and management topics. The course underlines cultural awareness in the Spanish-speaking business world. Students will make cross-cultural connections with other countries in order to address global business issues. The course will be conducted in Spanish. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 222 or LNG 295.

LNG 355. Spanish for Healthcare. 3 Hours.

Immersion course that emphasizes medical phrases, common health questions, and emergency terminology used in hospitals by nurses and general physicians. Students will engage in conversations regarding health topics that affect the Spanish-speaking population in the United States. The course will be conducted in Spanish. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 222 or LNG 295.

LNG 368. Spanish-Speaking Communities. 3 Hours.

This course highlights the Spanish-speaking communities from cultural, social, and linguistic viewpoints. Students will continue their language acquisition within the parameter of cultural themes that shape Spanish-Speakers' communities in their native countries and the United States. The course will be conducted in Spanish. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 222 or LNG 295.

LNG 371. Spanish for Communication. 3 Hours.

Contemporary news and development of speaking and writing skills constitute the core of this course. The course interlaces journalism, radio, and television in order to highlight language usage in mass communications in Spanish-speaking countries and in the United States. The course will be conducted in Spanish. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 222 or LNG 295.

LNG 382. Spanish for the Arts. 3 Hours.

This course highlights works of art from Spain, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Students will gain an understanding of the twentieth and twenty-first century cultural and social events that have shaped the culture of the Spanish-speaking countries. The course will be conducted in Spanish. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 222 or LNG 295.

LNG 396. Spanish for Educators. 3 Hours.

This course aims to study linguistics as related to Spanish teaching and translation. The course includes extensive practice of several Spanish grammar complex functions, vocabulary, speaking, reading, and writing activities conducive to the further development and acquisition of the Spanish Language. Course Information: Prerequisite: LNG 222 or LNG 295, LNG 321, and LNG 368.