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UMaine's ADVANTAGE

- Small classes
- Variety of language and content courses
- Close interaction with faculty
- Degree programs at undergraduate and graduate level

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Modern Languages and Classics

WHY STUDY MODERN LANGUAGES AND CLASSICS AT UMAINE?

Many languages are useful in today's global economy. U.S. businesses are expanding around the globe, and scientists increasingly work on multinational projects. The choice of language(s) is yours, and is determined by your interests. Once you are competent in a second language, it is much easier to learn a third and then a fourth.

The Department of Modern Languages and Classics prepares students to communicate with and understand people from different cultures, both abroad and here at home. Our students broaden their cultural and intellectual horizons by developing bi- and multilingual critical thinking skills as they prepare for careers in commerce, education, government, engineering, science, art, law, NGOs, or in the hospitality and other service industries. Most importantly, our students indulge their passion for language, culture, and the humanities.

While Latin is no longer a spoken language, gaining knowledge of how it is structured provides a better understanding of other languages, including English. Latin is the basis for many specialized terms and has been a language of science and philosophy for centuries. New words continue to be coined from Latin roots every year to standardize vocabulary in the increasingly multicultural, multilingual worlds of science and law.

OUR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Students in the Department of Modern Languages and Classics may pursue the B.A. in French, Spanish, or Romance Languages (French and Spanish) as well as minor programs in French, Spanish, and Professional Languages (a combination of French and Spanish). Students can also earn a Certificate of Proficiency in French, Spanish, or German.

Courses are offered at the beginning and intermediate levels in German and beginning level Arabic, Hebrew, Latin and Mandarin. Irish Gaelic, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Brazilian Portuguese are part of the Critical Languages (VOX) program, which focuses on developing conversational skill and follows the National Association of Self-Instructional Language Programs. Classes meet with a native speaker tutor.

The department has close working relationships with Canadian Studies, the Honors College and the College of Education and Human Development. Students planning a professional career have the option to take courses leading to teacher certification or enroll in the 5-year M.B.A. program in the Maine Business School. Upon completion of this program, students graduate with a bachelor's degree in French or Spanish and a Masters of Business Administration.

In teaching the modern languages, faculty use a variety of methods and approaches at all levels to develop listening, speaking, reading and writing. At the advanced level, students take content courses in literature, culture and linguistics, as well as language. Our programs have as their primary goals the development of communicative competence, cultural understanding and critical thinking skills, as well as an appreciation for diversity of perspectives and ideas.

In teaching elementary Latin, grammar and translation are emphasized. Classical studies courses are offered online and cover a range of classical literature and cultural topics, from classics in translation to mythology to women in the ancient world. The reflection of the classics in the modern world is also the subject of courses on the hero and Amazons.

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Bachelor of Arts in
French
Spanish
Romance Languages

Minors in
French, Spanish, Professional Languages

Certificates of Proficiency in
French, Spanish, German

Five-Year Master in
Business Administration

OUR GRADUATE PROGRAM

Individuals who wish to continue their studies beyond the bachelor's degree can pursue an M.A. in French, an M.A. in French with a concentration in North American French, an M.A.T. in French, or an M.A.T. in Spanish.

OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCEL

Courses at all levels offer the opportunity to learn in small classes. Enrollment in beginning and intermediate courses is capped at 24, and in upper division courses, classes are typically small, with an average enrollment of 12 to 18. Some courses are offered online or via video conferencing.

Travel study courses are a key part of the French program, and a number of study abroad programs are open to students in France, Spain, Canada, Japan, Morocco, Jordan, China, and many other destinations around the world.

HOW DO I APPLY?

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