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Are you interested in learning your family's heritage language and culture? Would you like to travel and immerse yourself in another culture? Do you enjoy cultural and linguistic diversity?

Study another language. See a new world. Learning another language changes your life. It gives you an international and global perspective on social, cultural and political issues. It gives you an opportunity to travel to another country and study art, music, and history. You become bilingual and bicultural. You get "hands-on" experiences with cross-cultural communication. You learn to appreciate your knowledge of English even more than you do now.

The United States is a nation of immigrants whose languages form part of our cultural heritage. It is valuable to keep that vibrant cultural history alive by learning the languages and cultures of our ancestors.

When you speak to other people in their own language, you show that you are culturally sensitive and aware of the benefits that diversity brings to a society. Bilingualism is a valuable resource for individuals and for our country.

At Fresno State, you can learn to speak, read, and write one

of several important modern languages spoken in the United States and the world: Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, French, or German. For German, French, and Spanish, you can also study the important literary works written in those languages.

In addition, you can use your knowledge of languages and cultures to study abroad in a number of programs in Europe, Mexico, and Central and South America.

Career Information

A bilingual person, even a person who is not completely proficient in the other language, is more marketable to employers than a monolingual person in typical jobs in business, finance, industry, civil service, education, law, law enforcement, library science, media and journalism, medical and health services, science, social work, travel, and tourism. That's why many students prefer to supplement their primary major with a secondary major or a minor in a second language. Interpreting and translating can provide a good income.

Many language students aim for a teaching career. There is a strong demand for language teachers in middle school and high school because of the foreign language admission requirements for entrance in the University of California and the CSU. For these students,

we offer single subject preparation programs in French and Spanish.

Elementary schools with bilingual or cross-cultural programs in Spanish need teachers. Teaching language courses in a community college requires a master's degree; we offer one in Spanish language and literature. Some students go on to earn a doctorate in their subject matter so that they can teach and do research as professors.

Classical Studies

The Classical Studies Program provides students with a basic knowledge of the Classical tradition that is the basis for Western Civilization. Students can minor in Classics, Greek, or Latin, or construct their own major in Classical Studies. Mastery of the ancient languages is followed by courses in Greek and Latin authors and in history, philosophy, art, and literature. Whatever a student's major, Classical Studies provides an impressive and valuable complement. It can serve as a stepping-stone for graduate work not only in the humanities but also in professional fields such as law and medicine.

Humanities

The Humanities Interdisciplinary Minor surveys relationships among philosophy, literature, music, architecture, sculpture, and painting. It also makes

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B.A. in French
and Spanish

Minor in Classical
Studies, French,
German, Humanities,
Latin, and Spanish

M.A. in Spanish

Single-Subject
Matter Preparation
Component of the
Secondary Teaching
Credential in French
or Spanish

Basic courses in Italian
and Portuguese

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some use of science, popular culture, contemporary events — and whatever else of relevance that may be at hand — in order to explore as richly as possible the interrelationships among arts and ideas. And it does so for entire cultures ... subdivided, of course, into their major periods.

General Preparation

Students choosing to study a modern or classical language should be curious about other countries and their people and cultures. They should think speaking another language is fun, and at a more advanced level, they should enjoy reading literature, watching films, and studying art and music. Students who by experience or heritage are already somewhat proficient in another language should augment their proficiency as much as possible. They should see a department adviser for placement in the proper class at California State University, Fresno.

High School Preparation

Students should meet CSU admission requirements in terms of college preparatory course requirements, grade point average, and test scores.

College Program

Students should consult the university's *General Catalog* for specific major and university degree requirements. Community college transfers should consult their catalogs and an adviser to ensure that courses taken are CSU transferable (baccalaureate level).

Course Requirements

Since program changes may occur, students should consult the current *General Catalog* and a Fresno State adviser prior to registering for courses.

Lower Division G.E. courses

Freshman-Sophomore level courses (may be taken at a community college)

French

Elementary French (Fresno State FREN 1B)
French for Communication (FREN 2A-2B)

German

Elementary German (GERM 1B)
Intermediate German (GERM 2A-2B)

Greek

Elementary Greek (GRK 1A-1B)

Humanities

Intro to Humanities 1 (HUM 10)
Intro to Humanities 2 (HUM 11)
Greek Mythology and World Humanities (HUM 15)
Intro to Spanish Literature (HUM 20)

Italian

Elementary Italian (ITAL 1A-1B)
Intermediate Italian (ITAL 2A-2B)

Latin

Elementary Latin (LATIN 1A-1B)

Portuguese

Elementary Portuguese (PORT 1A-1B)

Spanish

Elementary Spanish (SPAN 1B)
Spanish for Communication (SPAN 2A-2B) or
Reading and Writing Spanish (SPAN 3)
Spanish for the Bilingual Student (SPAN 4A-4B)

Upper Division G.E. courses

Junior-Senior level courses
(to be taken at Fresno State)

The following upper-division courses have been approved for use in G.E. Area IC.

French

French Literature, Culture, and Society from the Middle Ages to Today (FREN 109)
Voices of Africa (FREN 149)

Spanish (offered in Spanish)

Hispanic Cultural Productions (SPAN 125)
Mexican Culture (SPAN 129)

Humanities

Humanities in the Middle Ages and Renaissance (HUM 104)
Humanities in Classical Athens (HUM 108)
Humanities in Republican and Imperial Rome (HUM 110)
Folklore in Contemporary Life (HUM 118)

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