FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

MAJOR MAP

How to use the map
This map is designed to give you information about your chosen major that will help keep you on track for graduation within 4 years. The introductory sections will help orient you to the “Big picture” ideas like the topics and areas of interest inside your major, the kinds of courses you will take, university policies including admissions, and other general topics. The chart on the second page will help you to develop a productive plan to make the most of your 4 years at East Carolina University and prepare yourself for the job market after graduation.

Remember, it is important that you diversify your experiences, both for success in your degree program and for success outside of school. While coursework is important, it should not be your only focus. The chart below will show you how to incorporate other kinds of experiences that will expand your knowledge of your chosen field and make you a more desirable job candidate. The map is only a guideline. Remember to speak with your advisor often to learn about new opportunities, clarify concerns, and develop a plan that is right for you.

Questions?
East Carolina University offers an array of support to help you grow and learn from your first day of orientation until your graduation. New Student Orientation, Pirate to Pirate Mentoring, the University Writing Center, and the Career Center are just a few of the services and centers available to assist you throughout your time on campus.

WHAT CAN I LEARN?

While completing your Foreign Languages and Literatures major, you can expect to attain:

1. Knowledge of another culture and language, which gives you a competitive advantage in sought-after 21st-century careers: health care professions, business, diplomacy, the military, communication, law;
2. Proficiency in a language other than English;
3. Faster hiring and higher pay than applicants who are not proficient in a foreign language;
4. An insider’s view of other cultures and a new view of your own;
5. The ability to understand and interpret radio, television, and print media of a another culture; and the capacity to do research in the language;
6. The ability to participate more fully in national and international discussions on global questions;
7. Meaningful first-hand experience in another language and culture (study abroad, national and international internships).

DEGREE OPTIONS

The Foreign Languages and Literatures major offers a Bachelor of Arts with seven concentrations:

- French Concentration
- French Education Concentration
- German Concentration
- German Education Concentration
- Hispanic Studies Concentration
- Hispanic Studies Education Concentration
- Global Studies Concentration (for students who seek understanding of key issues focused on more than one region or culture)

In a student-centered learning environment, students will study language and culture including history, literature, politics, and the arts while studying languages other than English. Study abroad opportunities are also provided and strongly recommended. Students take courses taught in the language.

The different concentrations are based on language regions and whether or not you want to pursue a career as a K-12 teacher of language. The concentrations include:

- French
- German
- Hispanic Studies
- Global Studies
- Education
- Concentration

Some interesting courses include:

- FORL 1551: Introduction to Russia: Land of the Firebird
- FORL 1662: Introduction to Hispanic Studies
- FORL 2220: Sci Fi: East and West
- FORL 2520: French Cinema Classics
- FORL 2665: Don Quixote
- FORL 2600: Literature in Translation: The Holocaust
- FORL 2680: Grimm’s Fairy Tales

The Global Studies concentration consists of all of these courses plus GRK, JAPN, LATN, RUS above 1002.

WHAT'S UNIQUE?

The program offers internship opportunities specifically designed to meet students’ future careers in a variety of fields. There is a variety of study abroad options to increase students’ mastery of language and first-hand knowledge of other cultures. This department is the only one on campus where students receive a multicultural, global education in all courses they take. The department offers weekly cultural and engagement opportunities organized by faculty and students.

Admissions Info
You can apply to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website at (www.ecu.edu/admissions). To be considered for admission, freshmen applicants will submit their high school transcript and standardized test scores. Transfer applicants will submit official transcripts from all previously attended institutions. Application deadlines and specific admissions requirements for freshmen and transfer applicants are listed on the website.

Course Highlights
Students enter the concentrations in French, German, Global Studies, and Hispanic Studies after successful completion of PREN 2004: French IV, GERM 2004: German IV, GLST 1000: Intro to Global Studies; and SPAN 2004: Spanish IV.

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### Foreign Languages and Literatures Major Map

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<td><strong>First Year</strong></td>
<td>Take the placement exam as soon as you arrive at ECU. Contact the advisors in the department to discuss your four year plan.</td>
<td>Explore your major and career options in consultation with your advisor. Work on developing goals that include the completion of specific internships and the experience necessary for the kind of employment you want. Consider joining language clubs and participating in the language tables.</td>
<td>Emails from the department will let you know about upcoming guest lectures, internship opportunities, and special events. Keep up with the department social calendar to attend events such as weekly cultural and engagement opportunities.</td>
<td>Being internationally aware and culturally competent is increasingly important. Think about ways you could build these skills, which may include foreign language or Global Understanding courses, study abroad, or internationally focused courses or student organizations.</td>
<td>Visit Career Services to learn about their resources. Check out the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Virtual Job Shadow to explore potential careers. Log in to Handshake to set up your profile, check out career events, and begin to explore potential employers and job opportunities.</td>
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<td><strong>Second Year</strong></td>
<td>Receive personalized advising on your courses, including study abroad!</td>
<td>Meet with Career Services often to work on your post-graduation plans. Investigate job-related skills and identify gaps in your résumé so you can address them early. Use the Occupational Outlook Handbook, USAJobs.gov, and/or other resources available through Career Services to identify common skills in your career field.</td>
<td>Join student organizations that suit your interests, which may include Phi Sigma Iota Honor Society, International Foreign Language Honor Society, German Club, the Spanish Club, or the French Club. Rendez Vous. For a full list of student organizations, visit Orgsync.</td>
<td>Consider a study abroad program in Duale Hochschule in Mannheim which offers university study in the fall and an internship in the spring. Also look into a semester in Paris or Santander, Spain. Summer programs are in Berlin, Germany; Saint Petersburg, Russia; La Rochelle, France; and Granada, Spain.</td>
<td>Meet with your Career Counselor to explore your goals and develop your résumé. Attend career fairs and other employer-related activities. Speak to your instructors and advisors about career options often.</td>
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<td><strong>Third Year</strong></td>
<td>Receive personalized advising on your courses, including study abroad!</td>
<td>Internships, part-time jobs, student leadership positions, and volunteer or community engagement activities can help build your résumé and give you valuable experience. Connect directly with faculty members who share your interests to explore your opportunities, network, and identify future goals.</td>
<td>Connect with the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement to explore local opportunities. Also consider contacting community partners using the Orgsync directory. To build your professional network, join a professional organization like the Student Association of Latino Spanish Affairs (SALSA).</td>
<td>Make the most of your return from your study abroad or internship program by becoming more active in your student organizations. Work with the Office of Global Affairs and the Career Center to learn how to leverage your study abroad experience to improve your job placement possibilities.</td>
<td>Meet with your Career Counselor to develop your LinkedIn profile. Meet with your Career Counselor to discuss post-graduation plans. If needed, research graduate schools and program requirements. Continue to attend career fairs and other employer-related career events. Meet with a professor to prepare letters of application, résumé, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>Fourth Year</strong></td>
<td>Continue personalized advising on your courses and future career path!</td>
<td>Volunteering for political, governmental, or social organizations is a great way to get experience in your field, build your résumé, test your interest in working with diverse populations, and develop your professional network. During your final year you should also participate in ECU’s Research and Creative Achievement Week.</td>
<td>Submit a proposal to present a polished research paper from one of your classes at the State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium, or the ECU Talents, TESOL, Applied Linguistics Graduate Student Conference.</td>
<td>Take on a leadership position in one of your globally oriented student organizations. Complete your program by incorporating more internationally focused courses.</td>
<td>Meet with your Career Counselor to put your post-graduation plans into action. Refine your résumé, LinkedIn profile, and interview skills. Complete the Pirate Employment Survey.</td>
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**Post-Grad Options**

- Students who graduate with a degree in Foreign Languages and Literatures have a variety of career options. Some of these include:
  - Private Sector Business
  - Health Care Professions
  - Education
  - Graduate Studies
  - Public Sector / Non-profit
  - NASA
  - Peace Corps
  - Military
  - Journalism
  - Creative Writing
  - Law
  - Agriculture

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