

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY IN MODERN LANGUAGES

Minors

- Minor in Chinese
- Minor in East Asian Studies
- Minor in European Studies
- Minor in French
- Minor in German
- Minor in International Business, Language, and Culture
- Minor in Japanese
- Minor in Korean
- Minor in Linguistics
- Minor in Middle Eastern and North African Studies
- Minor in Russian
- Minor in Spanish

Bachelor's Degrees

- Bachelor of Science in Applied Language & Intercultural Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Global Economics and Modern Languages
- Bachelor of Science in International Affairs and Modern Language

College Credit for High School Study

Modern Languages will grant 6 to 8 hours of credit in any language taught by the School for high school study in that language, provided the student has two or more years of high school credit in the language in question and has completed six credit hours at the 2000, 3000, or 4000 level with an average grade of C or higher. To have the credit entered on their records, students must submit the Modern Languages Proficiency Credit (Advanced Standing) form <https://registrar.gatech.edu/info/advanced-standing> to the School of Modern Languages for its approval, and pay \$90 for each 3 or 4 hours of credit. No grade is attached to this credit, but the credit can fulfill the humanities requirement for graduation.

- Students submitting a score of four or five on the Advanced Placement (AP) Examination in French, German, or Spanish "Language Level III" or "Literature Level III" may receive six hours of credit for courses numbered 2001-2 in the respective language.
- For the Japanese AP exam, students who receive
 - a score of three can earn three hours of credit for JAPN 2002;
 - a score of four can earn six hours of credit for JAPN 2002 and JAPN 3001;
 - a score of five can earn six hours of credit for JAPN 3001 and JAPN 3002.
- For the Chinese exam, students who receive
 - a score of three can earn three hours of credit for CHIN 2002;
 - a score of four can earn six hours of credit for CHIN 2002 and CHIN 3003;
 - a score of five can earn six hours of credit for CHIN 3003 and CHIN 3004.
- Students who submit language scores of five or above for courses taken at the higher level from a certified high school International Baccalaureate program may also receive credit for courses numbered

2001-2 in French, German, or Spanish, for 3001-2 in Japanese, and for 3003-4 in Chinese.

Students with credit for the DSD German language exam may receive the following credit: DSD I: GRMN 3XXX (3 hours); DSD II: GRMN 3XXX (6 hours). Students may not receive credit for both the DSD I and DSD II.

Official scores should be sent to the Registrar's office for processing.

The School will not grant credit for high school study in a foreign language to students who have taken 1000 level courses in that language or the equivalent at Georgia Tech, or at other college-level institutions for which they have received transfer credit.

Graduate Course Option

Under the Graduate Course Option, undergraduate students with a final grade-point average of 3.5 or higher may count six credit hours of their undergraduate credits toward a master's degree at Georgia Tech in the same field. This means that qualified IAML students could complete the Master of Science in International Affairs with thirty additional credit hours rather than 36 credit hours if they chose to further their study in International Affairs; likewise, qualified GEML students could complete the MS in Economics with thirty additional credit hours in ECON courses.

Graduate Course Option Information

Humanities Credits

For information on Modern Languages course credits that may be counted toward the 6-credit Humanities requirement, see:

For students who first entered Georgia Tech on or after May 1, 2024: <https://catalog.gatech.edu/academics/undergraduate/core-curriculum/humanities/>

For students who first entered Georgia Tech before May 1, 2024: <https://catalog.gatech.edu/archived-catalogs/>

Minor Programs

The School of Modern Languages offers minors in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish as well as in Russian Studies. This program is designed for students who wish to develop their language skills to at least an intermediate level and to provide themselves with a greater depth than possible with a certificate program.

1. Students must earn 15 credit hours of language electives in a single language beyond the 2002 course.
 - a. Students may include the 2002 course for CHIN/JAPN/KOR/RUSS (or the 2011 course in CHIN)
 - b. All 15 hours of 3/4000-level courses for FREN/GRMN/SPAN
 - c. Students pursuing a minor in Russian Studies should take their electives in at least two different departments/schools (Modern Languages, International Affairs, and/or Literature, Media, and Communication)
2. A maximum of 9 semester hours of transfer credit is allowed in each minor. All courses counting toward a minor must be taken on a letter-grade basis, and a grade of C or better must be received in each course.

Students wishing to pursue one or more of these minors should declare the minor by filling out the minor change form with the Director of Undergraduate Studies in Modern Languages

Minor Program of Study & Guidelines

Modern Language Minor Information

Study Abroad

The School of Modern Languages offers special summer immersion programs in China, France, Senegal, Germany, Japan, Korea, Russia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, and Spain. These intensive programs in Languages for Business and Technology (LBAT) consist of six to eight weeks of study abroad in which classroom lessons in business, culture, and technology are combined with field work, cultural events, excursions, and visits to area businesses — all conducted in the target language. The LBAT experience offers a unique opportunity for rapid growth in proficiency, to build a deeper appreciation for the cultures and lifestyle patterns of other peoples, and to make lifelong social and professional contacts. Students will earn nine to fifteen credit hours (depending on the language program and the options available) at the 3000 level; in some programs, lower-division language courses are offered. These credits count toward a certificate, a minor, or the joint majors with International Affairs and Economics or ALIS degree. Program costs vary according to the country visited and the length of the program.

Study Abroad Information

Study Abroad and Internships

In collaboration with the Colleges of Engineering and Computing, the School of Modern Languages has initiated a Study Abroad and International Internship program that incorporates intensive applied language acquisition and cultural study. Students who participate in this program can expect to become versed in a foreign culture, fluent in a second language on professional and social levels, and gain advanced practical experience in their field. This program will prepare students for leadership positions in the global workforce in business, industry, and government.

Modern Languages works with international companies and with the Georgia Tech Center for Career Discovery and Development to establish internships and jobs abroad. Programs generally include one semester of study followed by a six month internship with a global company (some limitations as to language and field of study exist). The LBAT summer immersion course or equivalent is recommended, since students will need to take classes in the language spoken. HOPE scholarships and other financial aid apply. Additional language classes are available abroad. Students retain regular status at Georgia Tech by enrolling in FS 4000 during the semester of study and in INTN 3011, INTN 3015, INTN 3018, and in the Modern Language or Co-op International Internship (INTN 3011 or COOP 3011) during the internship. Students participating in this program are encouraged to contact their academic advisors, the International Division in the Center for Career Discovery and Development, the Office of International Education, and Modern Languages advisors. See www.modlangs.gatech.edu for more information.

Study Abroad Information

Suggested Placement

Students who have never completed any course for high school or college credit in the language should begin in a 1001 course. Students with previous study in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish should take the placement test found at www.modlangs.gatech.edu in order to determine their optimal beginning placement. Students interested in any of the other languages

should consult with a language advisor for beginning placement. See www.modlangs.gatech.edu for more information.

Linguistics Certificate

The Linguistics Certificate consists of 12 credit hours.

Track A: General Linguistics

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Course		
LING 2100	Introduction to Linguistics	3
Additional Courses		
Select nine credit hours from the following:		9
LING 3813/4813	Special Topics ¹	
SPAN 4170	Spanish Applied Linguistics	
PSYC 2760	Human Language Processing	
PSYC 3011	Cognitive Psychology	
PSYC 3790	Introduction to Cognitive Science	
PSYC 4200	Advanced Topics in Cognitive Psychology	
FREN 3030	French Phonetics	
JAPN 4750	Japanese Discourse and Grammar	
JAPN 4780	Japanese Applied Linguistics	
SPAN 4165	Bilingualism in the Spanish Speaking World	
SPAN 4170	Spanish Applied Linguistics	
Total Credit Hours		12

¹ Three credit hours maximum; focus on the linguistic system(s) of selected languages; must be approved by Linguistics advisor

Track B: Language Processing

Track B: Language Processing is a joint collaboration between the School of Modern Languages and the College of Computing. This certificate is designed with computer science majors in mind who have an interest in linguistics and natural language processing.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Course		
LING 2100	Introduction to Linguistics	3
Additional Courses		
Select nine credit hours from the following:		9
CS 3240	Languages and Computation	
CS 3600	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence	
CS/PSYC 3790	Introduction to Cognitive Science	
CS 3803 or CS 4803/ LING 381	Special Topics ¹	
CS 4641	Machine Learning	
CS 4650	Natural Language Understanding	
PSYC 2760	Human Language Processing	
Total Credit Hours		12

¹ Three credit hours maximum; must be approved by Linguistics advisor

For Track B students, other courses listed under the AI thread or in Linguistics may also count with prior approval from the linguistics advisor.

All courses counting towards a LING certificate must be taken on a letter grade basis and a grade of C or better must be received in each course.

Other information:

1. The School of Modern Languages may also accept one linguistics course on the 3000- or 4000-level taken at other accredited universities for either Track A or Track B. Students wanting to take such a course need to clear its acceptability with the LING advisor at Georgia Tech.
2. A 2000-level course may be accepted by the LING advisor if its contents are based upon examples from another language, given the possible difficulty involved in having enough command of the language to deal with more complex materials.
3. Students who wish to use a course taken abroad to obtain credit towards the LING certificate must submit a copy of the syllabus of the course and petition to obtain approval from the LING advisor prior to travelling abroad.
4. Some CS and ML courses may have language prerequisites.

Certificate Information