

MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

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Modern Languages and Literatures at NMU

The Modern Languages and Literatures Department offers language courses in Chinese, French, German, Portuguese and Spanish, as well as culture and literature courses in the target languages and in English. The department occasionally offers courses in other languages and helps facilitate university credit for students who study languages abroad. Language and cultural studies provide an excellent liberal education. Knowledge of languages enhances virtually any career and increases employment opportunities. World language, culture and literature studies open students to new and exciting horizons, place them in contact with worldwide artistic and intellectual accomplishments, help them to understand other people, and prepare them for success in an increasingly globalized world.

The department offers programs leading to the bachelor of arts degree with majors in French, Spanish, secondary education French and secondary education Spanish. Minors are offered in French, German, Spanish, French education, German education and Spanish education. Language students are encouraged to participate in language conversation tables.

Student Organizations

- French Club
- German Club
- Spanish Club
- Student Michigan Education Association

Department Facilities

The department has a recently renovated Language Learning Laboratory located in 203 Jamrich Hall. It includes wireless and wired connection to the Internet and a software library. It also has listening and viewing stations for the center's numerous audio and videotapes. The laboratory is available for class and individual student use. The department also has a resource room for students, while Northern's Olson Library contains representative works by foreign authors, works of criticism and linguistics, and a fine collection of slides of European history, art and architecture.

Department/Program Policies

Procedures to follow before enrolling in LG 350, Methods and Materials in Teaching Language Education:

1. All students intending to seek teaching certification in one or more languages should contact the faculty member in charge of teaching methods and student supervision as soon as they declare their major and/or minor. They will be monitored throughout the rest of their studies at NMU for satisfactory academic progress and language proficiency.
2. Prior to enrolling in LG 350, students must obtain Evaluation Form 1 and 2 from the Modern Languages and Literatures Department secretary or LG 350 instructor, then complete an oral proficiency interview with a faculty member in each of the languages in which they intend to earn certification. The results of this interview will be entered on Evaluation Form 1 and filed with the Modern Languages and Literatures Department.
3. Students are also required to submit Evaluation Form 2 indicating their potential for becoming successful teachers (maturity, commitment).

Students will be notified of their enrollment status, based on the results of the evaluations. LG 350 is not taught as a directed study.

Use of Courses Taught in English for the French Major/Minor and German Minor

Students majoring in French may apply two NMU courses taught in English (a maximum of eight credits) toward the major. French and German minors may apply one NMU course taught in English (a maximum of four credits) toward the minor. Language majors or minors enrolled in courses taught in English will be expected to complete some assignments in either French or German.

Language Certification Program Policies and Procedures

The Modern Languages and Literatures Department offers a language certification program in which degree-seeking students can validate their language proficiency skills at less than the minor level, but beyond sophomore-level proficiency. Language certification is available in French, German or Spanish.

Language certification applications can be obtained in the Modern Languages and Literatures Department upon completion of the requisite courses. Accomplishment of language certification will be noted on NMU transcripts, and the student will receive a certificate from the department.

Grade Requirements

All non-teaching majors and minors and students seeking language certification must earn a minimum grade of “C” in every language course. Students majoring in secondary education French or secondary education Spanish or minoring in French education, German education, or Spanish education must maintain a grade point average of 2.70 or greater with no grade below a “C” in the professional education sequence, the major and/or minors and required cognates combined.

Study Abroad Programs

Students who major or minor in French, German or Spanish are encouraged to study abroad for at least a semester to improve their language skills and to become immersed in the target culture. Programs are also open to students in other disciplines who want to pursue their studies abroad. For more information contact the International Affairs Office.

Advanced Placement Credit

Students may obtain credit for French, German and Spanish I and II (FR, GR and SN 101 and 102) through the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP).

Students who complete FR/GR/SN 102 or 201 at NMU with a grade of “C” or higher can receive credit for the course that immediately precedes it (101 or 102) in the sequence.

Students with high school language preparation or experience abroad who wish to major in French or Spanish or to minor in French, German, or Spanish may earn up to eight advanced placement credit hours for FR/GR/SN 201 or 202 by taking a departmental test. Students who pass the advanced placement examination (APP, CEEB) with a score of three or higher will receive advanced placement credit in either language or literature depending on the examination that was taken.

Native speakers of French, German, Spanish or other languages may not test out of their native language. They may, however, take a CLEP or departmental test in any other language besides their own.

BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

Liberal Studies: Complete information on the liberal studies requirements and additional graduation requirements, including the health promotion requirement, is in the “Liberal Studies Program and Graduation Requirements” section of this bulletin (38-44).

Courses within each major that can be used to satisfy liberal studies requirements are listed with the Roman numeral (in brackets) that coincides with the liberal studies division the course falls under.

French Major

Total Credits Required for Degree	124
Liberal Studies	30-40
Health Promotion	2
Required Courses in Major	32
FR 201 Intermediate French [V]	4
FR 202 Intermediate French II [V]	4
FR 300 Reading and Writing	4
FR 400 Advanced French Composition and Grammar	4
French Electives 300 or 400 level	16
LG 499 Graduation Assessment for Language Majors	0
Minor	20

Spanish Major

Total Credits Required for Degree	124
Liberal Studies	30-40
Health Promotion	2
Required Courses in Major	32
SN 300 Reading and Writing	4
Spanish Electives 300 or 400 level (except SN 314)	28
LG 499 Graduation Assessment for Language Majors	0
Minor	20

Secondary Education French Major

Teaching certification is obtained by completing a major in French, a teaching minor and the professional education sequence.

Total Credits Required for Degree	127-131
Liberal Studies	30-40
Health Promotion	2
Required Courses in Major	32
FR 201 Intermediate French I [V]	4
FR 202 Intermediate French II [V]	4
FR 300 Reading and Writing	4
FR 305 Conversational French and Phonetics [V] (or equivalent)	4
FR 400 Advanced Composition and Grammar	4
French Electives 300 or 400 level	12
LG 499 Graduation Assessment for Language Majors	0
Teaching Minor, minimum	20-24
Professional Education	33
ED 201 Introduction to Education	2
ED 231 Teaching and Learning in the Secondary Classroom	4
ED 301 Dimensions of American Education	2
ED 319 Teaching of Reading for Secondary Teachers	3
ED 349 Teaching for Diversity, Equity and Social Justice in the Secondary School Community	2
ED 361 Special Education and the General Classroom Teacher	2
ED 430 Teaching in the Secondary School	11
ED 450 Seminar in Teaching	1
ED 483 Educational Media and Technology	2
LG 350 Methods and Materials in Teaching Language Education	4

Secondary Education Spanish Major

Teaching certification is obtained by completing a major in Spanish, a teaching minor and the professional education sequence.

Total Credits Required for Degree	127-131
Liberal Studies	30-40
Health Promotion	2
Required Courses in Major	32
SN 300 Reading and Writing	4
SN 305 Conversational Spanish [V]	4
SN 310 Introduction to Spanish Civilization and Culture	4
SN 312 Introduction to Spanish America [II]	4
SN 400 Advanced Composition and Grammar	4
Spanish Electives 300 and 400 level (except SN 314)	12
LG 499 Graduation Assessment for Language Majors	0
Teaching Minor, minimum	20-24
Professional Education	33
ED 201 Introduction to Education	2
ED 231 Teaching and Learning in the Secondary Classroom	4
ED 301 Dimensions of American Education	2
ED 319 Teaching of Reading for Secondary Teachers	3

ED 349 Teaching for Diversity, Equity and Social Justice in the Secondary School Community	2
LG 350 Methods and Materials in Teaching Language Education	4
ED 361 Special Education and the General Classroom Teacher	2
ED 430 Teaching in the Secondary School	11
ED 450 Seminar in Teaching	1
ED 483 Educational Media and Technology	2

MINOR PROGRAMS

French Minor

Total Credits Required for Minor	20
FR 201 Intermediate French I	4
FR 202 Intermediate French II	4
FR 300 Reading and Writing	4
French Electives 300 or 400 level	8
LG 399 Graduation Assessment for Language Minors	0

French Education Minor

Total Credits Required for Minor	20-24
FR 201 Intermediate French I	4
FR 202 Intermediate French II	4
FR 300 Reading and Writing	4
FR 305 Conversational French (or equivalent)	4
FR 400 Advanced Composition and Grammar	4
LG 350 Methods and Materials in Teaching Language Education*	4
LG 399 Graduation Assessment for Language Minors	0

*Not required if major is Spanish education.

German Minor

Total Credits Required for Minor	20
GR 201 Intermediate German I	4
GR 202 Intermediate German II	4
GR 300 Reading and Writing	4
German Electives 300 or 400 level	8
LG 399 Graduation Assessment for Language Minors	0

German Education Minor

Total Credits Required for Minor	20-24
GR 201 Intermediate German I	4
GR 202 Intermediate German II	4
GR 300 Reading and Writing	4
GR 305 Conversational German (or equivalent)	4
GR 400 Advanced Composition and Grammar	4
LG 350 Methods and Materials in Teaching Language Education*	4
LG 399 Graduation Assessment for Language Minors	0

*Not required if major is French education or Spanish education.

Spanish Minor

Total Credits Required for Minor	20
SN 300 Reading and Writing	4
Spanish Electives 300 or 400 level (except SN 314)	16
LG 399 Graduation Assessment for Language Minors	0

Spanish Education Minor

Total Credits Required for Minor	20-24
SN 300 Reading and Writing	4
SN 305 Conversational Spanish	4
SN 310 Introduction to Spanish Civilization and Culture	4
SN 312 Introduction to Spanish America	4
SN 400 Advanced Composition and Grammar	4
LG 350 Methods and Materials in Teaching Language Education*	4
LG 399 Graduation Assessment for Language Minors	0

*Not required if major is French education.

CERTIFICATIONS

French Certification

Total Credits Required for Certification	20
FR 101 Elementary French I	4
FR 102 Elementary French II	4
FR 201 Intermediate French I	4
FR 202 Intermediate French II	4
FR 310 Introduction to French Civilization and Culture	4

German Certification

Total Credits Required for Certification	20
GR 101 Elementary German I	4
GR 102 Elementary German II	4
GR 201 Intermediate German I	4
GR 202 Intermediate German II	4
GR 310 Introduction to German Civilization and Culture	4

Spanish Certification

Total Credits Required for Certification	20
SN 101 Elementary Spanish I	4
SN 102 Elementary Spanish II	4
SN 201 Intermediate Spanish I	4
SN 202 Intermediate Spanish II	4
SN 310 Introduction to Spanish Civilization and Culture or SN 312 Introduction to Spanish America (4 cr.) or SN 314 Contemporary Latin American Culture (4 cr.)	4