

World Languages and Cultures: French, German, or Spanish Minor for Teacher Licensure

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The Teacher Licensure Minor option in French, German or Spanish is available to students whose primary teaching area is another subject area in secondary education. Examples: A French teacher licensure major who wants to be endorsed to teach Spanish, or a Music teacher licensure major who wants to be endorsed to teach French, or a History teacher licensure major who wants to be endorsed to teach German, etc.

Required Coursework

- Courses numbered beyond 1101 in the language of the minor. Credits: 21
- WLF/WLG/WLS 3401 Cadet Teaching. Credits: 3
- WLE 3400 Methods of Teaching Foreign Languages. Credits: 3

Testing

- Illinois Content Area Test (French, German, or Spanish)
- ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)

State

For an endorsement, candidates need to have at least 24 hours in the language on their transcript and pass the required tests.

Advice to candidates

In order to pass the required tests, teacher licensure minors are strongly encouraged to take more hours in the language than the required minimum hours. Teacher licensure minors need to pass the same tests as teacher licensure majors (Illinois Content Area test and ACTFL OPI). These tests require a candidate to show advanced low proficiency level in speaking, listening, reading and writing. They also require a candidate to prove cultural knowledge and knowledge of language acquisition and teaching methods.

Information on prior study and credits

Prior High School Study

Students with 2-3 years in high school usually begin at the intermediate level and take French/German/Spanish 2201G. Students with 4 years of high school study may be able to begin in 2202G. Placement test to assess level is available but is optional.

AP

A score of 3 will receive credit for 2201G (4 credits).

A score of 4 will receive credit for 2201G and 2202G (8 credits).

A score of 5 will receive credit for 2201G, 2202G, and one 3000-level course (11 credits total).

Seal of Biliteracy

A student who has received the State Seal of Biliteracy will receive a total of 8 credits. This is the equivalent of first semester (4 credits) and second semester (4 credits).

Advanced Competency

You will receive up to 6 credits free of charge for language study completed in high school. Credits count toward graduation and are applied after you complete two language courses (8 hours) at EIU. Students must begin in 1102 (second semester) or at the 2000-level.

Proficiency Exams for Credit

Popular option for Spanish students who have picked up Spanish skills at home, through travel or work abroad. Take our proficiency exams for Spanish 3000 Grammar in Context, and/or Spanish 3050 Conversation and Pronunciation. Upon passing the exam(s), you'll get 4 credits for Spanish 3000 and 4 credits for Spanish 3050.

Study Abroad: Credits through Study Abroad

World Language minors with Teacher Licensure are strongly encouraged to study abroad. **A semester at our partner schools abroad yields 12 to 16 hours in your language.** Short-term programs (Spring Break; Summer) yield 2 to 8 credits (depending on length of stay).