Suggested Four-Year Degree Plan BA in World Languages & Cultures

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Placement and Credit Information

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.

Electives: 9 hrs

Elective courses can be taken in other departments but need to have a focus on diversity, international studies, multiculturalism, or global issues. Students can also choose courses in another world language as their electives. The Department offers all levels of Spanish, French and German, as well as first-year Chinese. Students with a Minor or Double Major in another area may be able to apply courses taken in that area to meet their Electives requirement (as long as the courses have an international or multicultural focus).

Minors

World Language majors frequently choose a Minor in areas such as Latin American Studies, Communication Studies, Film Studies, Political Science, History, Philosophy, Entrepreneurship, Asian Studies, Business, Geography, English (Creative Writing), and more.

Double Majors

Some World Language majors choose a double major. Popular combinations are World Languages and Communication Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Business, Philosophy, Communication Disorders & Sciences, and more.

Study Abroad: Credits through Study Abroad

World Language majors should 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).

Four-Year Plan

Prefixes

WLF: French WLG: German WLS: Spanish

	Fall	Spring
Year 1	*WLF/G/S 2201G (4 hrs)	*WLF/G/S 2202G (4 hrs)
	ENG 1001G (3 hrs)	ENG 1002G (3 hrs)
	CMN 1310G (3 hrs)	MATH gen ed (3 hrs)
	BIO gen ed (3 or 4 hrs, with/wo lab)	Soc/Behavioral Sciences gen ed #1 (3 hrs)
	EIU 1111 (2 hrs)	Elective (3 hrs)

^{*}WLF/G/S 2201G and 2202G meet the Gen Ed Humanities requirement.

	Fall	Spring
Year 2	WLF/G/S 3000-level (3 or 4 hrs)	WLF/G/S 3000-level (3 or 4 hrs)
	Fine Arts gen ed (3 hrs)	Soc/Behavioral Sciences gen ed #3 (3hrs)
	Soc/Behavioral Sciences gen ed #2 (3 hrs)	Phys Science gen ed (3-4 hrs, with lab, if not taken
	Elective (3 hrs)	in BIO)
	Elective (3 hrs)	Elective (3 hrs)
		Elective (3 hrs)

^{*}Spanish 3000 and Spanish 3050 have 4 hours.

Year 3, Spring Semester: Study Abroad Semester recommended.

	Fall	Spring
Year 3	WLF/G/S 3000/4000 level (3 hrs)	WLF/G/S 3000/4000 level (3 hrs)
	WLF/G/S 3000/4000 level or Elective (3 hrs)	WLF/G/S 3000/4000 level or Elective (3hrs)
	Elective (3 hrs)	Elective (3 hrs)
	Elective (3 hrs)	Elective (3 hrs)
	Elective (3 hrs)	Elective (3 hrs)

	Fall	Spring	
Year 4	WLF/G/S 3000/4000 level (3 hrs)	WLF/G/S 3000/4000 level (3 hrs)	
	WLF/G/S 3000/4000 level or Elective (3 hrs)	WLF/G/S 3000/4000 level or Elective (3 hrs)	
	Independent Study I (3 hrs)	Independent Study II (1-3 hrs)	
	Elective (3 hrs)	Elective (3 hrs)	
	Elective (3 hrs)	Senior Seminar (3 hrs)	
		Alternative to Senior Seminar: Study Abroad	
		Capstone (1 hr) if prior Study Abroad	

Selected Electives. If you have a Minor or Double Major in another area, your coursework in that area may satisfy the Electives requirement. Please consult with your advisor.

If you are interested in a course that is not listed, please contact the Chair of the Department of World Languages & Cultures.

AFR 2200G Pan Africanism

AFR 3150 Women and Development in Africa

ANT 3608 Anthropology of Europe

ANT 3610 Language and Culture

ART 3610G African Art

CMN 3710 Intercultural Communication

ENG 3903B Women, Literature and Language, Post-1800

ENG 4850 Studies in Postcolonial and Third World Literatures

GEO 3050 Geography and Culture of Africa

GEO 3055 Geography and Culture of Asia

GEO 3060 Geography and Culture of Europe

GEO 3070 Geography and Culture of Mexico, Central

America and the Caribbean

GEO 3080 Geography and Culture of South America

GEO 3620 Geography of Tourism

HIS 3255 Colonial Latin America

HIS 3260 Modern Latin America

HIS 3410 French Revolution

HIS 3415 World War I

HIS 3420 World War II

HIS 3450 Modern Germany

HIS 3555 Modern World History

HIS 4850 History of Mexico, Central America, and the

Caribbean

PHI 3820 Contemporary European Philosophy

PLS 2253G Introduction to International Relations

PLS 3223 International Organizations

PLS 3253 Human Rights and International Law

PLS 3303 European Politics and Governments

PLS 3333 Politics of Latin America and the Caribbean

PLS 3343 Government and Politics of the Middle East

PLS 3353 Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa

PLS 3373 International Political Economy

SOC 2840 Racial and Cultural Minorities

For a linguistic focus in their Electives:

World Language majors can choose elective courses from another **world language**. For example, Spanish majors could choose courses in French and/or German and/or Chinese.

Advisor Checklist

WLF/WLG/WLS 2201G Intermediate French/German/Spanish I WLF/WLG/WLS 2202G Intermediate French/German/Spanish II

Course	Title	Credits	Grade
Semester			
2201G			
2202G			

Upper Division Courses: 24-26 hours in language of concentration.

French & Francophone Studies: 24 hours.

German Studies: 24 hours.

Spanish & Hispanic Studies: 26 hours. Must include 3 courses marked * (see back).

Total:

Elective Courses: 9 hours.

Any combination of courses from other departments with a focus on diversity or international studies and/or courses in another world language. **Courses selected with and approved by advisor.**

Total:

Spanish:

At least 3 courses (9 credits of the 26 required Spanish upper-division credits) must be literature or culture classes chosen from the following list:

WLS 3010 Spanish through Latin American Narrative and Film (3) *

WLS 3201 Business Spanish (3) *

WLS 3250 Introduction to Hispanic Literary Analysis (3) *

WLS 3300 Hispanic Cinema (3) *

WLS 3500 Hispanic Short Story (3) *

WLS 3510 Introduction to Modern Spanish Literature (3) *

WLS 3520 Introduction to Modern Spanish American Literature (3) *

WLS 3530 Spanish American Women's Novel (3) *

WLS 3540 Race and Gender in Spanish American Literature (3) *

WLS 3550 Contemporary Latin American Drama (3) *

WLS 4310 Civilization and Culture of Spain (3) *

WLS 4320 Civilization and Culture of Spanish America (3) *

WLS 4510 Survey of Early Spanish Literature (3) *

WLS 4520 Survey of Early Spanish American Literature (3) *

WLS 4645 Topics in Hispanic Culture (3) *

WLS 4650 Topics in Hispanic Literature (3) *

Notes & Comments:

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