

## World Language and Literatures

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Foreign Language Core Requirement: A proficiency in a language other than English must be demonstrated by the successful completion of a 102-level course or its equivalent.

### Language Experience and the Course Level

1. Students who have no previous training in a particular language should enroll in a 101 course.
2. Students with two years of high school training should enroll in 102. Students with only one year of high school language instruction may choose to enroll in 101.
3. Students with three or four years of high school experience should enroll in 201 or consult with the WORLL department chair.
4. Students with four or more years of high school training, who have a strong background and wish to continue, should consult with the WORLL faculty.

### Waiving the Language Core Requirement

Those who wish to waive the Language CORE requirement must take a proficiency exam. Exams are offered twice a year, in October and March. The exam includes a written component, listening comprehension, and an oral interview. Only students who do not want to take any additional foreign language and who stand a good chance of passing the exam should be encouraged to take it. The exam is designed for students who have had at least three years of high school (this is roughly equivalent to one year of university courses). Qualified students wishing to take the exam should contact the department chair.

\*Students who have scored 4 or higher on the AP language exam may also waive the language core requirement.

### International Students

1. A student whose native tongue is not English is exempt from fulfilling the Language CORE requirement. **Advisors** should notify the Registrar's Office when students need to be exempted.
2. An international student who took ESL classes at the university level, and who wants to major in Modern Languages, is exempted from the 12 credits of a secondary foreign language.
3. A student whose native tongue is taught at Pacific and who wants to major in that language should consult with the WORLL department chair.

### Languages not Taught at Pacific

A student who has taken 4 or more high school years of a language not taught at Pacific with the grade of “B” or above may petition for exemption from the Language CORE. In the petition the student should include (I) a copy of high school transcripts and (II) a brief description of the skills and materials taught in the language. The petition should go to the WORLL department chair.

### **Sample Degree/Course Planning Templates**

(Order of appearance:

- I. Chinese (minor only)
- II. French (major and minor)
- III. Japanese (major and minor)
- IV. German (major and minor)
- V. Spanish (major and minor)
- VI. Modern Languages (major only)

#### **I. Chinese**

Sample course sequence for a Chinese Minor (no major available)

*It is strongly recommended that the students should take Chinese as early as their freshmen or sophomore years. Note that Chinese 101 and Chinese 201 are only offered in the fall, Chinese 102 and 202 only offered in the spring.*

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> Year**

Chin 101

Chin 102

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Year**

Chin 201

Chin 202

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Year**

Chin 301

Chin 305

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Year**

Chin 401

#### **II. French**

Sample Schedule for students who wish to major in French Studies and have not studied French before (note that French 101 is usually only offered in the fall semester):

1st year

French 101 and 102

2<sup>nd</sup> year

French 201 and 202

3rd year

Two 300 level French courses: French 311, 312, 315, 304, 308, 320, 385

Study Abroad

4th year

One 400 level course: French 411, 404, 408, 420, 485

French 494 and 495 (thesis; 2 credits each)

Sample Schedule for a French minor

1st year

French 101 and 102

2<sup>nd</sup> year

French 201 and 202

3rd year

2 upper division courses (300 or 400 level)

### III. Japanese

This plan for a major is based on the assumption that students will come in with no prior experience of studying Japanese. Students with some experience will start the program accordingly. Please consult instructor to decide the appropriate level to start the program.

Freshman

Fall	JAPN 101 Introduction to Japanese Language & Culture	4
Sp.	JAPN 102 Introduction to Japanese Language & Culture	4

Sophomore

Fall	JAPN 201 Intermediate Japanese	4
Sp.	JAPN 202 Intermediate Japanese	4

Junior

Fall	Study Abroad	12
Sp.	Two upper division courses	8

Senior Fall

Fall	One 400 level Japanese	4
	JAPN 490 Senior Capstone	2

Sp.	One 400 level Japanese	4
	JAPN 491 Senior Capstone	2

Students who will study abroad for two semesters will also take four upper division courses. At least two of them should be 400 levels.

#### IV. German

German majors come to Pacific with a variety of backgrounds. The plan to follow depends on the amount of language study that a student has had. Below are two templates: one for students who have had no experience with the German language and one for those who have had 3-5 years of German in high school. A student who has native fluency or who has extensive exposure to the language through classes or study abroad should consult with Professor Lorely French.

Students wishing to major in German are highly recommended to double major in another discipline. All disciplines in the arts, natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities are enhanced through learning German.

The template below is a typical schedule for students beginning their German language study at Pacific who wish to major in German. Note that Germ 101 and Germ 201 are usually only offered in the fall semester.

##### Freshman

###### Fall

German 101 (4)  
FYS (4)  
Other\*\*

###### Winter

German Studies  
elective in  
another discipline\*  
or other course

###### Spring

German 102 (4)  
German Studies  
elective in  
another discipline  
or other course  
Other\*\*

##### Sophomore

###### Fall

German 201 (4)  
Other\*\*

###### Winter

German Studies  
elective in  
another discipline\*  
or other course

###### Spring

German 202 (4)  
Other \*\*

##### Junior

###### Fall

**Study Abroad\*\*\***

###### Winter

**Study Abroad\*\*\***

###### Spring

**Study Abroad\*\*\***

Students typically earn 12 upper-division credits per semester of study abroad. Often courses taken abroad may count for core classes in the humanities, social sciences, and

arts, as well as for some required classes in some majors. Students should consult with the chairs of departments and divisions to find out about core and major classes abroad.

**Senior**

**Fall**

German 300 level (4)  
 German 494: Thesis (2)  
 WORLL 301 (3)\*\*\*\*  
 Other

**Winter**

**Spring**

German 300 level (4)  
 German 400 level (4)  
 German 495: Thesis (2)  
 Other

**The template below is a typical schedule for students with 3-5 years of high school German instruction who wish to major in German.**

**Freshman**

**Fall**

German 201 (4)  
 FYS (4)  
 Other\*\*

**Winter**

German Studies  
 elective in  
 another discipline\*  
 or other course

**Spring**

German 202 (4)  
 German Studies  
 elective or  
 other course \*\*

**Sophomore**

**Fall**

German 300-level (4)  
 Other\*\*

**Winter**

German Studies  
 elective in  
 another discipline\*  
 or other course

**Spring**

German 300-level (4)  
 Other \*\*

**Junior**

**Fall**

**Study Abroad\*\*\*\***

**Winter**

**Study Abroad\*\*\*\***

**Spring**

**Study Abroad\*\*\*\***

Students typically earn 12 upper-division credits per semester of study abroad. Often courses taken abroad may count for core classes in the humanities, social sciences, and arts, as well as for some required classes in some majors. Students should consult with the chairs of departments and divisions to find out about core and major classes abroad.

**Senior**

**Fall**

German 400-level (4)  
 WORLL 303 (2) \*\*\*\*  
 German 494: Thesis (2)  
 Other

**Winter**

**Spring**

German 400 level (4)  
 WORLL 304 (2)\*\*\*\*  
 German 495: Thesis (2)  
 Other

\*See catalogue for a list of possible elective courses for the German major. Students need 12 electives in other disciplines for the German Studies major. These may be taken any semester or Winter III, depending on availability. 4 credits of these required 12 credits may also be taken while studying abroad.

\*\*For “other courses,” students are recommended to take math and natural sciences course requirements in their freshman and sophomore years, and their writing requirement in their sophomore year. Students may also be taking lower-division classes for another major during their freshman and sophomore years.

\*\*\*Students are required to study abroad at least one semester for 12 credits. A year of study abroad, however, is highly recommended to increase language fluency and cultural understanding.

\*\*\*\*WORLL 303 and 304 are “Mentoring in a Foreign Languages,” that is, mentoring for students in German 101 and 102. Although these classes are not required for the German major, they are highly recommended to main their proficiency and to gain practical experience in using the language, which will help for future career opportunities.

### Major in Spanish

Note: All Spanish courses at the 100 and 200 levels are usually offered both fall and spring semesters.

Sample course sequence for student with no previous study in Spanish\*.

	Fall semester	Spring semester
Year 1	Span 101	Span 102
Year 2	Span 201	Span 202
Year 3	Span 300 (any) $\Delta$	Study Abroad $\dagger$
Year 4	Span 300 (any)	Span 400 (any)
	Span 400 (any)	
	Span 490 Senior Thesis I	Span 491 Senior Thesis II

\* Students with previous study in Spanish will enter the sequence at the level appropriate to their background. (See catalogue for further details.)

$\Delta$  One of the two 300-level Spanish courses must be a literature course.

$\dagger$  While only a semester of Study Abroad is required for the major, we encourage students to study abroad for a full year. If they do so, one of the 400-level Spanish course requirements is waived.

PLEASE SEE A&S CATALOG FOR A FULL EXPLANATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR IN SPANISH.

### Minor in Spanish

Sample course sequence for student with no previous study in Spanish\*  $\dagger$

Year 1	Span 101	Span 102
Year 2	Span 201	Span 202
Year 3	Span 300 (any)Δ	Span 300 (any)
Year 4	Span 300 (any)	

\* Students with previous study in Spanish will enter the sequence at the level appropriate to their background. (See catalogue for further details.)

Δ One of the three 300-level Spanish courses must be a literature course.

† While no Study Abroad is required for the Minor in Spanish, we encourage students to spend a semester abroad. If they do so, one of the 300-level Spanish course requirements is waived

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**Minor in Spanish for Elementary Teachers (no major available--we recommend the Spanish major)**

This program is in transition right now. Students should be advised that this minor may not be viable.

**VI. Major in Modern Languages (no minor available)**

We suggest students pursue at least their primary language during their first year at Pacific and begin their second (and third, if desired) language(s) no later than the fall of their second year at Pacific. Note that some languages only offer 101 in the fall, so they should be mindful of this as they enroll. Study abroad is required in the primary language (usually during junior year). Whenever possible, students are encouraged to study abroad for two semesters--one semester in a country of their primary language, one semester in a country of their secondary language. A year-long senior thesis is required for students entering Pacific University fall 2007 or afterwards.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LANGUAGE PROGRAMS AT PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, PLEASE CONTACT PROF. Victor Rodriguez , CHAIR, WORLD LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES AT [rodrigu@pacificu.edu](mailto:rodrigu@pacificu.edu)

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