

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

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Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (*including biology*)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language (*same language or two years of American Sign Language-ASL*)
Academic electives (*to equal at least 17 total credits*)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

Major Requirements

- Demonstration of listening comprehension, oral, reading and writing proficiency. Students who have not received at least a *B* in FRE 305 or 306 or SPA 306 may be required to take a test in language skills.
- A minimum of 30 hours in French and Spanish above the intermediate level. A minimum of 12 hours above the intermediate level must be taken in each of the two languages and at least 24 hours must be in the 400 series.
- Highly recommended: HTY 105/106: History of European Civilization or 400 level European History in one or more areas of language concentration.

120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation

Program Description

Spanish and French courses are offered in language, literature, linguistics, culture. Many programs throughout the University of Maine require or recommend the successful completion of 6 credit hours of a foreign language, or proven proficiency in a foreign language through the intermediate level as an integral component of their majors. The degree in Romance Languages offers students the opportunity to study 2 significant world languages in conjunction with one another.

Romance Languages major: Students planning to teach a foreign language need to complete a major program in the department, as well as 18 credit hours in a subject commonly taught in high school (i.e., history, English, mathematics, etc.). Some students view the Romance Languages major as a way to earn primary and secondary certification in language teaching. Future teachers have access to courses leading to language teaching certification, including MLC 466: The Teaching of Modern Languages.

There are several study abroad options for Romance Languages student; we offer study abroad programs in French (Laval, Angers) and Spanish (Seville, Alicante, Galicia, Latin America). All students (not just language majors or minors) are encouraged to make study abroad part of their educational experience.

The International Affairs/Romance Languages major combines 30 credit hours of French and Spanish above the intermediate level. A minimum of 12 hours above the intermediate level must be taken in each of the two languages and at least 24 hours must be in 400 level courses.

Additionally, the student must complete course work in anthropology, economics, history, and political science.

Internships have offered opportunities to students majoring in Romance Languages. Some examples: Research/Editorial Assistant, Foreign Policy Research Analyst, work in private and public language schools and programs; travel tour guide, research assistants; graduate study.

Career Opportunities

Career options for students majoring in Romance Languages include: teachers, study abroad coordinators, travel consultants, translators, hotel services, international corporations, higher education admissions counselors, communications and journalism, and law. A foreign language is a skill which enhances job possibilities in every field: library sciences, medical and social services. In a global society, the knowledge of another language and culture is a positive aspect and of increased importance in finding employment.

Graduates from this University of Maine program have entered such positions as: NASDA Licensing Technician, New England Mutual Life Insurance; Language Consultant, Inlingua School of Languages; Cartographer, James W. Sewell Company; Linguist, National Security Agency; Foreign Language Teacher, Chewonki Foundation; Admissions Counselor, University of Maine at Fort Kent; Chief of Telecommunications, The Lafayette Hotel; Teacher, Peace Corps; French Teacher, Orono High School; Director, Young and Alive Daycare Center; Spanish Teacher, Kents Hill School; Spanish Teacher, Skowhegan High School; Admissions Counselor, Westbrook College.

General Education Requirements*

ENG 101	College Composition
18 credits	Human Values & Social Context area (<i>a single course may satisfy more than 1 sub-category, but a total of 18 credits must be completed</i>) Western Cultural Tradition Social Context & Institutions Cultural Diversity & International Perspectives Population & the Environment Artistic & Creative Expression
2 courses	Designated Writing Intensive (<i>1 must be within the major</i>)
2 courses	Biological or Physical Sciences (<i>must include at least 1 laboratory course</i>)
1 course	Ethics (<i>emphasis on discussion of ethical issues in 1 course or series of courses</i>)
6 credits	Mathematics (<i>including statistics & some computer science, only 3 credits in computer science can count toward this requirement</i>)
1 capstone	An approved experience in which the student integrates the components of his or her undergraduate training to perform at a professional level. The capstone experience is usually completed during the senior year in consultation with the student's academic advisor.

**All UMaine students must complete these general education requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

Specialized Information

The department also offers a minor in French, German, Latin, or Spanish. The minors are open to all undergraduate, degree-seeking University of Maine students and require the completion of 18 credit hours of coursework in the desired minor.

All students, not only foreign language majors, are strongly encouraged to study abroad for a period of time during their undergraduate career. Among the most popular and successful opportunities are the CIEE Program at Rennes, France; Junior Year Abroad in Salzburg, Austria; and the CIEE Program in Seville and Alicante, Spain; as well as Argentina and the Dominican Republic.

Students may also major in French and Spanish and take the appropriate classes leading to an M.B.A. in the program which was developed in cooperation with the College of Business, Public Policy and Health.

Graduate Study

Graduates have also gone on for a Master of Arts or Doctor of Philosophy degree at such institutions as Rutgers, Cornell, the State University of New York at Buffalo, the University of Illinois, Bowling Green State University, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Purdue University, the University of California and Harvard.

In addition, graduates have received prestigious Fulbright Grants to study in Europe. Some former students have received advanced degrees in Literature and Language, others in Linguistics, Bilingual Education and Pedagogy.

Our students have gone on to teach in high schools and universities throughout the country.

Academic Programs 2008-2009

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