DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

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Programs of Study
West Chester and Millersville Universities offer a combined graduate degree program, the Master of Arts in Languages and Cultures (MALC). This single joint degree is a collaboration between both language departments and facilitates prompt and successful completion of the students’ coursework, as meaningfully and efficiently as possible. The 33-credit degree program may be completed in 2-5 years.

Courses will be offered in all six academic sessions of each calendar year, including both semesters, the three summer sessions, and the winter session.

Students may enroll in up to three courses in the program while they are finalizing their application which includes a cover form, two letters of recommendation, a goals statement in the language for which the student is applying, and transcripts of all completed post-secondary coursework. Any student transcript from another country must be evaluated by WES and forwarded to our admissions offices to be considered in the application.

Graduate Certification
Students may enroll in graduate certification in a number of languages, as a separate second “career.” Two of the required courses for graduate certification may be included in the MALC as electives. Students must consult the university’s Certification Office and the College of Education and Social Work for formal admission to teacher education (FATE) before they can enroll in certain required courses. Additionally, clearances are required for enrollment in several of the required courses: EDP 550, EDP 531, EDS 505, and LAN 503. Students are encouraged to complete any unmet undergraduate course requirements before enrolling in graduate certification or the MALC, since they will be charged graduate tuition once they are admitted, and grades for these courses will be factored into their graduate GPA. Additionally, the five-year window for completion will begin at that point.

Certification may be completed separately from the master’s degree.

Programs
Master’s Program in Languages and Cultures

• M.A. in Languages and Cultures (French, German, or Spanish) (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate/arts-humanities/languages-cultures/languages-cultures-ma)

Admissions
All applicants to one of West Chester University’s graduate programs will be held to the graduate admissions requirements (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/general-information/admissions-enrollment/graduate-admissions). When applicable, additional requirements for admission into specific department program(s) may be listed below.

Entrance Requirements
To enroll, students must have an undergraduate degree and reach the Advanced Low (AL) proficiency level of the ACTFL OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview) and WPT (Written Proficiency Test). Students scoring less than AL may complete a provisional semester and be retested at the end of that semester. Qualified students may take additional coursework in a second program language with a performance level of Intermediate High on the ACTFL OPI and WPT tests.

The department encourages students to apply for a Graduate Assistantship at WCU for 3-12 semester credits of tuition waiver and a graduate stipend, in exchange for 5-20 hours a week with the department faculty or in other departmental service.

Policies
All graduate students are held to the academic policies and procedures (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate-academic-policies-procedures) outlined in the graduate catalog. Students are encouraged to review departmental handbooks for program tips, suggested course sequences, and explanations of procedures. When applicable, additional policies for specific department program(s) may be listed below.

Degree Requirements
The program contains three core seminars totaling 9 credits to be taken by all students enrolled for the 33-credit degree program: LNC 501 Linguistic Studies, LNC 502 Interpretive Strategies, on critical thinking and analysis, and LNC 503 Cultural Studies. These seminars are offered each academic year, shared by both schools, and will be taught in English, to allow students in all three languages to study and work together.

Additionally students will complete 12 semester hours of a general curriculum in the language of their choice, either French, German, or Spanish, which includes courses in communicative proficiencies and cultural competencies.

To complete the master’s degree experience, students may choose 12 semester credit hours from elective options, in accord with their experience, needs, and future professional career plans. These include courses in other fields such as nursing, marketing, criminal justice, etc., study abroad, an internship, courses in pedagogy, courses from the PA K-12 Graduate Certification in Foreign Languages curriculum, or courses from the MALC General Curriculum.

Exit Requirement
All students have their choice of three options:
1. An exit capstone assessment project of an oral and written specialized exam
2. A research project
3. A portfolio defended at an oral exam with the faculty

Faculty
Professors
Margarete J. Landwehr (mlandwehr@wcupa.edu) (1992)
Graduate Coordinator, Languages and Cultures
B.S., Georgetown University; M.A., Ph.D., Harvard University
Michel H. Sage (msage@wcupa.edu) (1994)
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Stacey Schlau (sschlau@wcupa.edu) (1985)
Graduate Coordinator, Languages and Cultures
B.A., M.A., Queens College; Ph.D., City University of New York
Courses

FRE 501. French Business Culture. 3 Credits.
The course offers advanced French language skills in an international Francophone business context. It covers intercultural management, work ethics, business etiquette, communication guidelines and cross-cultural self-awareness. Activities include case studies, market simulations, international correspondence, mock interviews and preparation for internships in French-owned or French-related companies. Regularly scheduled online group discussions and individual research presentations are required components of the course. No prior knowledge of business or economics is necessary. Distance education offering may be available. Typically offered in Spring.

FRE 503. Oral Proficiency. 3 Credits.
Advanced oral discussion of prepared topics in Francophone culture to aid graduate students in achieving or maintaining ACTFL Advanced Low capabilities in open dialogical exchange. Typically offered in Fall.

FRE 504. Francophone Literature & Culture. 3 Credits.
This course offers francophone literature texts in context with art, music, political history and cultural traditions through presentations involving images, audio and video. Distance education offering may be available. Typically offered in Fall.

FRE 505. Writing Proficiency. 3 Credits.
Writing Proficiency course emphasizing expression on a variety of topics to aid students in achieving the performance level of Advanced Low as outlined by ACTFL. Typically offered in Spring.

FRE 510. French Theater. 3 Credits.
Principal French dramatists analyzed against the social, political, literary, and critical backgrounds of their age. Typically offered in Spring.

FRE 511. Modernism In French Literature. 3 Credits.
A study of French since 1945, with emphasis on current events and social changes. Typically offered in Fall.

FRE 512. French Narrative. 3 Credits.
A study of prose texts, their ethos, and their narrative techniques, from the epics and contes of the Middle Ages to the experimental works of the late 20th century. Typically offered in Fall.

FRE 514. Contemporary France. 3 Credits.
A study of France since 1945, with emphasis on current events and social changes. Typically offered in Fall.
GER 501. Post-Wall German Literature and Film. 3 Credits.
Course topics will vary by semester and instructor, and may include titles such as genre studies, film study, women writers, Francophone writers, the study of literary periods or movements, and structural and applied linguistics. Typically offered in Fall & Summer. Repeatable for Credit.

GER 505. Survey of German Film. 3 Credits.
This course provides an analysis of German culture through 20th and 21st c. German films. Lecture and discussion topics include Expressionism, “New Objectivity,” the Weimar Republic, the First and Second World Wars, Nazism, such postwar issues as collective guilt and terrorism, and reunification and Ostalgie; and Austrian Film. Discussions will integrate German history, culture, and literature and cinematic techniques into an analysis of the films. This course is taught in German.
Pre / Co requisites: GER 505 requires a prerequisite of acceptance into the M.A. in Languages and Cultures.
Distance education offering may be available. Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

GER 508. German Society: Dramatic texts: Wilhelmine era to the Present. 3 Credits.
Analysis of the political and social concerns of German society through the lens of dramatic texts.

GER 516. The Novelle. 3 Credits.
Contact department for more information about this course.

GER 518. Contemporary German Literature. 3 Credits.
Contact department for more information about this course.

GER 522. Austrian Literature and Culture. 3 Credits.
This course will introduce students to the many facets of Austrian literature and culture from 1900 to the present. The texts read in class convey both literary themes as well as contextual insights into Austrian society, culture, and history. Course topics include: an overview over the turbulent history of the country from Fin-de-Siècle Vienna, World War I and the collapse of the Habsburg Monarchy, the First Republic, Austro-Fascism, the Anschluss to Hitler’s Germany, the Holocaust, World War II, to the Second Republic. These important historical contexts are all reflected in a wide range of literary and cultural readings from Austria.
Repeatable for Credit.

GER 523. Translation Techniques. 3 Credits.
A theoretical and practical study of modes of lexical and syntactic transposition, from L1 to neutral zone to L2. Extensive practical exercise in diverse types of translation.
Typically offered in Summer.

GER 525. German Linguistics. 3 Credits.
This course will introduce students to the many facets of the German language from the times of the Germanic tribes to contemporary dialects. Course topics include: a brief overview of the historical development of Germanic languages, including Dutch, English and the Scandinavian languages (Swedish, Norwegian, Icelandic, Danish) and distinct dialects such as Swiss German, Austrian dialects, Bavarian, and Yiddish; use of the German language in an international context, in literature, the youth culture, and in contemporary media; an introduction to German phonetics and to recent developments in German such as the decline in the use of the genitive case and variations in vocabulary and grammar between East and West Germans. It will include spoken and written German in countries within and beyond Europe, including the Federal Republic of Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Eastern Europe and New York City (Yiddish), and Pennsylvania German of the Mennonites and Amish.
Pre / Co requisites: GERS25 requires prerequisite of admission to graduate program.
Repeatable for Credit.

LAN 500. Methods and Materials of Research in Second Language Education. 3 Credits.
Techniques of research in foreign language education, including sources, design, interpretation, evaluation, and reporting of data. Typically offered in Fall.

LAN 503. Techniques of Second Language Teaching. 3 Credits.
Advanced course in recent theoretical bases, methods for teaching beginning and advanced levels, curriculum design, and evaluation.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

LAN 505. Introduction to Bilingual/Bicultural Education. 3 Credits.
Typically offered in Fall.

LAN 525. Internship in Foreign Languages. 3-12 Credits.
A structured and supervised experience for students wishing to enhance their foreign language study directly in the workplace. Credits earned are based on time spent on the job.
Consent: Permission of the Department required to add.

LAN 527. Intro Applied Linguistics-For Lang Major. 3 Credits.
Contact department for more information about this course.
LAN 555. Computer Applications for Language Learning. 3 Credits.
This course introduces students to theory and practice in using and designing computer-based learning content for language learning. Drawing on scholarship in the field of computer-assisted language learning, students will be introduced to best practices in designing, publishing, creating, testing, and assessing the quality of computer-based learning. This course provides theoretical and practical training for second language educators and is a balance between scholarship and practice in this field of applied linguistics that focuses on the use of computer technology in second language education. Students will be introduced to recent theories in the study of CALL research in second language education, and will be trained in the use of many tools available for teacher education that employ various technological tools. Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

LAN 569. Teaching English Language Learners (ELLs) PK-12. 3 Credits.
Graduate-level study of issues and the application of techniques, strategies, materials for meeting the needs of English Language learners (ELLs) in inclusive classrooms. Emphases include: sociocultural issues in educational contexts, TESOL through the content areas, linguistics, second language acquisition, the integration applications of the PA English Language Proficiency Standards PK-12 (ELPs) and current trends in second language teaching, learning and assessment. Includes a field component. Distance education offering may be available. Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

LAN 578. Teaching Listening and Speaking to ESL/SL learners. 3 Credits.
This course provides a survey of theory and practice in the teaching of listening and speaking to second/language learners. In particular, this course addresses skills critical to academic success for English language learners. Components of these skills include the clarity of pronunciation, skills for effective participation in conversations, and properties that contribute to fluency. The rules of spoken discourse will also be considered. Throughout the course, students will apply their learning as they consider how to improve second/language learners’ listening and speaking proficiency. Typically offered in Spring.

LAN 579. Teaching Pronunciation to English Language Learners. 3 Credits.
A course designed to give students an overview of the phonetic features of North American English (NAE), which relate to teaching of English as a second/language. Students will study the segmental and suprasegmental elements of NAE; understand how the English sound system contrasts with the sound system of another language; learn and design a repertoire of activities for teaching pronunciation; examine and discuss current materials for teaching pronunciation. Pre / Co requisites: LAN579 requires prerequisite of LIN501.

LAN 580. Seminar In Second Language Education. 1-4 Credits.
Specialized workshop seminar devoted to a particular area of foreign language education. Repeatable for Credit.

LAN 583. Second Language Acquisition. 3 Credits.

LAN 585. Institute In Second Language Education. 4-8 Credits.
Contact department for more information about this course. Typically offered in Fall & Spring. Repeatable for Credit.

LAN 586. Teaching ELLs PK-12. 3 Credits.
Graduate level study of issues and the application of techniques, strategies, and materials for meeting the needs of English Language Learners (ELLs) in inclusive classrooms. Emphases include: sociocultural issues in educational contexts, linguistics, second language acquisition, the integration and applications of the PA English Language Proficiency Standards PK-12 (ELPs) and current trends in second language teaching, learning and assessment. Includes a field component. Cross listed courses ENG 586, LAN 586.

LAN 590. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.
Contact department for more information about this course.

LAN 610. Thesis. 6 Credits.
Thesis. Typically offered in Fall.
SPA 532. Spanish Literature of the Golden Age (Novel and Poetry). 3 Credits.

SPA 533. Cervantes. 3 Credits.
Life and works of Miguel Cervantes Saavedra: Novelas ejemplares, Ocho comedias y otro entremeses, La Numancia, La Galatea, all of which lead to the study of the meaning, philosophy, and influence of Don Quixote.

SPA 535. The Rise of Nationalism: From Romanticism to Modernism. 3 Credits.
This course explores the literary texts (mainly poetry and narrative) and cultural artifacts (policies, medical and sociological discourses, images, exhibitions) that led to the development of modern nations in the Hispanic world during the nineteenth century. Alternative visions, which questioned or challenged official discourses, will also be studied. This course focuses on literary movements such as Romanticism, Costumbrismo, Realism, Naturalism, and Modernism.

SPA 536. The Generation of 1898. 3 Credits.
The revitalizing forces which took hold in the late 19th century, and a study of the works of Unamuno, Azorín, Menéndez Pidal, Pio Baroja, Valle Inclán, Benavente, Martínez Sierra, and Rubén Darío.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

SPA 541. Colonial Latin American Literature. 3 Credits.
Contact department for more information about this course.

SPA 542. Shaping National Identity in Latin America. 3 Credits.
An examination of the coming to maturity of Latin American nationalism from independence to 1950. The ways in which political and intellectual leadership were intertwined will be at the center of inquiry. Ideas, texts, and other cultural forms that contributed to this process will be studied. Representative authors include: Andrés Bello, José Martí, Eugenio Hostos, Rubén Darío, César Vallejo, and Clorinda Matto de Turner.

SPA 543. Contemporary Latin American Literature. 3 Credits.
Contact department for more information about this course.

SPA 544. Latin American Theatre. 3 Credits.
Contact department for more information about this course.

SPA 545. Mapping Latin America: From Jungle to City. 3 Credits.
Historically, the geography and climate of Latin America have exerted a strong influence on its cultures. This course discusses how this phenomenon affects its literary development. We will read short stories by Horacio Quiroga and the work of Alejo Carpentier, among other authors who have written of the jungle -- the biggest expression of "nature" in the Latin American literary tradition -- with the objective of thinking about the opposition between "civilization" and "barbarism," a recurrent topic. Also, we will read the work of Domingo Faustino Sarmiento, José Eustasio Rivera, and Rómulo Gallegos. Finally, we will discuss the city, as one of the central foci of Latin American narrative throughout the greater part of the 20th century, and which it is explained by migration movements from the countryside to the city because of industrialization. This last part of the course will be presented in novels by Nicomedes Guzmán, Isabel Allende, and Diamela Eltit.

SPA 547. Hispanic Women Writers. 3 Credits.
Contact department for more information about this course.

SPA 549. Masterpieces & Movements In Spanish Lit. 3 Credits.
A seminar on the development of Spanish thought and artistic expression through selected masterpieces of literature and art.

SPA 556. Seminar I. 3 Credits.
Contact department for more information about this course.
Repeatable for Credit.

SPA 557. Seminar II. 3 Credits.
Contact department for more information about this course.
Repeatable for Credit.

SPA 560. Nobel Laureates in Hispanic Letters. 3 Credits.
A course devoted to study those Spanish-language writers from Spain and Spanish America who won the Nobel Prize in Literature during the 20th and 21st centuries for their literary achievements; to analyze their works and the sociopolitical context of their writings; and to examine the politics of literary awards and the significance of their recognition.