East Carolina University
Foreign Languages and Literatures

Bachelor of Arts

About
An undergraduate degree in Foreign Languages turns other majors into careers that can be practiced internationally, that serve Hispanic communities in North Carolina, or enable more rapid promotion among the foreign owned businesses that employ over 200,000 workers in NC. Employers know that a student who can do what their peers do AND speak a second language AND understand foreign cultures is more likely to be that special employee with the imagination to help the company grow and change. Our 2nd majors are hired faster, at better pay, and have more rewarding careers.

The degree offers concentrations in French, French education, German, German education, Global Studies, Hispanic Studies, and Hispanic Studies education. This major develops proficiency in the language and culture. Students study culture, film, history, literature, translation, and business communication to prepare for their desired career or postgraduate study. The education concentrations prepare students to teach French, German, and Spanish (K–12 licensure) in public and private schools. This degree offers students a combination of courses in language, literature, culture, linguistics, second language teaching methodology, and education with an internship experience. Students can also complete a BA in Multidisciplinary Studies in Classics or Russian.

Degree Requirements
The Department offers both BA as well as a minor. The BA degree requires 120 credit hours including 40 hours of liberal arts foundation courses, 30-36 credit hours in the major, a minor, and general electives. Minors in Classics, French, German, Hispanic Studies and Russian are also available.

Internships (http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cas/foreign/internships.cfm)
The internship provides students with practical experience in the use of the foreign language and the opportunity to develop cultural competence under the supervision of practicing Sponsors in different professional fields. It affords experiences that will help students develop their linguistic and cultural competence, obtain professional experience, and develop self-confidence. It offers students the opportunity to test their aptitude and commitment to a field of professional activity and help clarify future career goals. At the same time, student interns contribute to the mission and goals of the sponsor so that both parties benefit from the internship. The internship may serve as the capstone experience of students’ academic preparation for working in a professional environment, and may be pursued in a variety of fields including but not limited to business, criminal justice, health sciences and social services.

Research
Students also have the opportunity to work individually with faculty on research or service projects as part of their studies. Students should review each faculty member’s bio on the website to see which faculty member’s research interests them.

Study Abroad (http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cas/foreign/studyabroad.cfm)
The department sponsors programs in France, Germany, Russia and Spain. There are multiple opportunities to study in France, Germany, Latin America and the entire world through Bilateral Exchange Programs and International Student Exchange Programs, including a great number at ECU tuition and fee rates, with inexpensive room and board.

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Scholarships (http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cas/foreign/scholarships.cfm)
Once students are officially declared into the major (usually sophomore year) they become eligible for departmental scholarships.

Careers
Students with a degree in Foreign Languages have been admitted to graduate programs to further their knowledge in Foreign Languages in universities such as Vanderbilt, University of Texas, Austin, Yale University, to name a few. Double majors in Foreign Languages and Pre-Health degrees have proven very attractive to Schools of Medicine all over the state. Law schools such as Charlotte Law School and Campbell University have been options for our graduates. Both abroad and in the US our graduates are employed in a wide variety of companies, universities and non-for profit organizations such us: US Air Force, Metrics, DSM, Green County Health Care, Vidant Medical Center, United Medical Partners, IBM.

By the numbers
The department graduates approximately 40 students each year. Typical enrollments are 25 for the introductory and intermediate language courses. Upper level courses have an average of 15 students. The department is home to over 30 full time faculty members.

Please visit the following websites for more information
Thomas Harriot College of Arts & Sciences http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cas/
Foreign Languages and Literatures Department http://www.ecu.edu/foreign/
Undergraduate Catalog (degree requirements) http://www.ecu.edu/registrar/catalog.cfm
Career Center (What can I do with a major in?) www.ecu.edu/career

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