Languages, Literatures, & Cultures majors engage our diverse but interconnected 21st-century world through the study of global languages and their corresponding literatures and cultures within the context of a liberal arts education. Students pursue one (or more) of five major-level concentrations: French and Francophone Studies, German Studies, Global Languages and Communities, Applied Languages/K-12 Licensure for French, Applied Languages/K-12 Licensure for Spanish. Through the meaningful intellectual inquiry and firsthand experience that each concentration affords, they connect with individuals and communities locally and abroad while developing the skills for lifelong learning and dispositions that promote respect for all.

Degree Outcomes

- Students receive excellent preparation for careers and graduate school, especially when combined with studies — or even second major s— in art history, business, consumer, apparel & retail studies, public health education, geography, environment and sustainability, history, philosophy, sociology, music, and international and global studies.
- Graduates pursue many different career paths, including education, translation and interpretation, telecommunications, government and Foreign Service, and law.
- Graduates have received competitive grants and fellowships, including Fulbright Teaching and Research Fellowships, Critical Language Scholarships, and German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Scholarships, and they have been selected to participate in special experiences like the Teaching Assistant Program in France (TAPIF) and the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program.
- Graduates have earned advanced degrees at prestigious institutions, including Duke University, UNC-Chapel Hill, University of Kentucky, University of Virginia, Georgetown University, and Vanderbilt University.

The Student Experience

- Well-rounded preparation in the language(s), literature(s), and culture(s) of their choosing and opportunities to explore subjects of special interest.
- Opportunities to engage in service-learning and internships that connect with diverse local language communities and the organizations that serve them.
- Participation in worldwide study abroad opportunities, including summer immersion programs in Costa Rica and Spain.
- The opportunity to improve language skills and culture knowledge by joining the Global Village living-learning community as a freshman and/or to apply those skills as a Global Village language facilitator as an advanced major.
Participation in language-focused clubs, where students meet others who are interested in practicing their language skills and learning more about other cultures.

Undergraduate research opportunities (through department association with UNCG’s Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creativity Office).

Access to a range of department-based annual scholarships allocated according to academic achievement and need as well as to awards supporting study abroad.

Accolades & Accomplishments

- Faculty receive regional, national, and international recognition and have received prestigious campus- and nation-wide teaching awards.
- Faculty have received research grants allowing them to pursue literary, cultural, and linguistic study that they share in the classroom.
- The department offers a wide variety of co-curricular events that promote global awareness and cross-cultural understanding.
- The department participates in foreign language studies consortia within the University of North Carolina distance education system, UNC Online and the Language Exchange, as well as interdisciplinary programs throughout the College of Arts and Sciences.