

DEPARTMENT FACULTY

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DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION

The Department of Modern Languages at Grove City College equips students to engage meaningfully with people, literature, and cultures around the world. Learn more about the creator of language, the very Word incarnate, while cultivating respect for the diversity of God's family. Students are prepared to excel in competitive graduate programs and careers across a wide range of industries, and the department offers degree programs in French and Spanish; K-12 teaching certification in French and Spanish; and minors in Chinese, French, and Spanish.

MAJORS

French
Spanish

Grove City College French and Spanish majors converse with ease in the target language, are sensitive to the spoken and unspoken cultural codes of the countries they study, and appreciate the literary and artistic expressions of the target cultures. They are therefore competent to live and work abroad, engaging both personally and professionally with native speakers. French majors complete 30 credit hours of course requirements in addition to the College core curriculum. Spanish majors complete 33 credit hours of course requirements in addition to the College core curriculum.

French major leading to (K-12) certification in French

Spanish major leading to (K-12) certification in Spanish

In addition to completing the language major and an education core, students preparing for careers in teaching and education take courses unique to foreign language pedagogy. Beyond the major coursework (75 and 78 credit hours, respectively), students participate in real-life teaching situations during field experiences and student teaching.

MINORS

Our modern language minors require 18 credit hours of coursework. Minors are available in:

International Studies
French
Spanish
Spanish for the Professions

SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL AREAS OF INTEREST

The Department of Modern Languages offers numerous student organizations such as French Club, Spanish Club and the National Foreign Language Honorary, Alpha Mu Gamma. Special events throughout the year include the International Praise & Worship Service, International Food Fair, Café Evenings, National French Week, Study Abroad panel, Language Tables, poetry readings, service projects, film nights and more.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

With the close guidance of faculty, students gain valuable, original research experience that prepares them for their professional lives as well as for graduate school in disciplines related to language, culture, and literature. As student assistants, modern language majors actively participate in faculty research on literature, language pedagogy, international business, art, culture, public policy, and education.

STUDY ABROAD

Students seeking the opportunity to live in the culture and speak the language daily with native speakers may select from a wide variety of countries, living arrangements, courses and travel options. Most Grove City students go abroad for a semester of their junior year, or during the summer before or after the junior year. Many find that a semester abroad can cost little more than a semester at Grove City.

CAREER AND GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates pursue careers in translation, teaching, government, social work, missions, bilingual services, interpretation, foreign service and more. Since the department's programs allow room for the completion of double majors and minors, recent graduates have also begun careers in law, medicine, international business, communications, politics, teaching English abroad and other disciplines. Students have pursued postgraduate studies at the University of Virginia, Middlebury College, Harvard University, Princeton University, Ohio State University, Duke University, University of Paris – Sorbonne and more.

“The slightly smaller class size has provided me with ample one-on-one teacher-student interactions that are crucial to reaching fluency in language. The faculty is so intentional about helping me grow as an individual and as a future teacher.”

– Ingrid McGuckin '13



Grove City College is a highly ranked, nationally recognized private liberal arts and sciences college that equips students to pursue their unique callings through an academically excellent and Christ-centered learning and living experience distinguished by a commitment to affordability and promotion of the Christian worldview, the foundations of a free society and the love of neighbor. Established in 1876, the College is a pioneer in independent private education and accepts no federal funds. It offers students degrees in 60 majors on a picturesque 180-acre campus north of Pittsburgh, Pa. Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Grove City College is routinely ranked as one of the country's top colleges by U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review and others based on academic quality and superior outcomes.

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