

Learning a new language is a great way to become a global citizen, to understand other cultures and master the language skills needed to be competitive in a global marketplace as well as for personal development. Languages can unlock many opportunities and provide many benefits. To learn more about the benefits of speaking another language read the following article: ["7 Reasons Why It's Good to Speak Another Language."](#)

Reasons to take languages at UNI may include completion of:

- **The language requirement for graduation** – 2 consecutive level classes, elementary I and II in the same language (like SPAN 1001 and 1002, or FREN 1001 and 1002, or CHIN 1001 and 1002)
- **A university elective**
- A **certificate in Chinese studies** requires 13-15 cr it starts at the first level of Chinese and in as little as 4 courses it can be satisfied.
- A **Certificate in French** requires 15 cr it starts at FREN 1001 level and in as little as 5 classes it can be satisfied.
- A **Certificate in Hispanic Culture**; it requires 15 cr, it starts at SPAN 2002 and it focuses on cultural Spanish classes, it consists in 2 required classes and 3 elective culture classes
- A **Certificate in Spanish Language**; it requires 12 cr and it starts at SPAN 2001 level and it focuses on acquisition of oral and writing skills
- A **French Minor** – 21 cr it starts at Fren 2001, it can be completed by taking 7 courses and taking more than one course per semester is possible but not required
- A **Spanish Minor** – 21 cr it starts at SPAN 2001
- **Spanish Minor with teaching emphasis** consists in 21 cr in Spanish + 12 cr of Methods courses and meeting the Professional Education requirements.
- **French Major - a 2+2 dual degree program**. Students can earn a B.A. in Individual Studies: French Language and Cultures. The first 2 years are completed at UNI in which time students satisfy the LAC requirements and 21 cr in French and thus earn the BA in Individual Studies: French; the remaining 2 years are spent abroad in France at [Université de Franche-Comté](#) in Besancon taking French classes and earning a Licence Lettres et Arts: Lettres Modernes.
- **Spanish Major** consists in 36 cr in Spanish. Out of these credits 30 cr must be in the 3000 level class and 6 cr in the 4000 level

- **Spanish Teaching Major** consists in 42 credits – 30 cr in Spanish and 12 cr in methods courses and meeting the Professional Education requirements
- **TESOL /Spanish teaching dual major** consists in 24 cr in TESOL, 24 cr in Spanish, 12 credits in the methods courses and the Professional Education requirements

Students are encouraged to consider taking a language class early in their studies at UNI so that they can determine if they are interested and motivated to declare a Certificate or minor in that language and be sure the language requirement for graduation is satisfied.

All students considering taking Spanish at UNI should **take the Spanish placement exam**. This exam will help us choose the appropriate level Spanish course at UNI. To take the placement exam, [click here](#). You will need to pay a \$10 charge via credit card. Once you have taken the placement test please email elena.dobрила@uni.edu with your scores for assistance with enrollment in the appropriate level class.

Studies abroad are excellent opportunities to explore the culture and immerse yourself in the target language and are recommended experiences for language minors and required for language majors. In collaboration, the study abroad office (<https://uni.edu/studyabroad/>) and the language advising office (elena.dobрила@uni.edu) can assist you with planning your abroad experience.

Heritage students are eligible to enroll in SPAN 3006 - Spanish for Heritage speakers class, provided their language skills are confirmed by placing into SPAN 3001 after taking the placement test. Heritage students can obtain thus, retro credits (they receive credits for the courses below SPAN 3006 level. More specifically, by taking SPAN 3006 a class specifically designed to meet the needs of heritage speakers, students can automatically earn up to 18 cr (for SPAN 1001, 1002, 2001, 2002, 3003 and 3006) with the condition that they obtain a B- grade or better in the class.

The language classes offered this Fall at UNI are:

Chin 1001 Elementary Chinese online 4 cr.

Chin 1011 Intermediate Chinese online 4 cr.

Chin 1086.90 half semester course in Chinese culture 1cr.

Fren 1001 French language and culture I, meets on MWF at 12 noon

Fren 1002 French Language and culture II, meets on MWF at 1 pm

Fren 1086 Studies in Francophone issues, meets on TH at 12:30 pm

Fren 2001 Intermediate French, meets on TR at 2 pm

Fren 3001 Advanced composition, meets online

Fren 4044 Topics: Contemporary issues in Francophone World, meets on TR at 12:30 pm

Span 1001 Elementary Spanish I meets on MWF at 9 am or at 10 am
Span 1002 Elementary Spanish II meets on MWF at 9 am or at 10 am
Span 2001 Intermediate Spanish, online
Span 2002 Oral and Written Spanish, online
Span 3001 Advanced Writing, online
Span 3003 Advanced Conversation and Reading, meets on TR at 11am
Span 3004 Intro to Hispanic Literature, meets on MWF at 11 am
Span 3007 Intro to Translation, meets on MWF at 1 pm
Span 3008 Intro to Linguistics, meets on MWF at 10 am
Span 3023 Culture and Civilization of Spain, meets on MWF at 9 am
Span 4066 Topics: Transnational Spain, meets on MWF at 12 noon

For further information and details, you can visit our

website: <https://langlit.uni.edu/> Or you can also scroll down for an academic overview for some of the programs offered in the Department of Languages and Literatures.

For any questions or concerns regarding languages at UNI please feel free to contact Elena Dobrila at elena.dobrila@uni.edu