

Romance Languages and Literatures

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Majors

Prospective Romance languages majors should consult with the director of undergraduate studies of the chosen language as early as possible.

For the French major, please visit the French (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/undergrad/artsci/french/#majors>) page.

For the Italian major, please visit the Italian (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/undergrad/artsci/italian/#majors>) page.

For the Spanish major, please visit the Spanish (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/undergrad/artsci/spanish/#majors>) page.

The Major in Romance Languages and Literatures

Like our other majors, the Romance languages major requires a writing-intensive course and a capstone experience. Further details are available on the department's website (<http://rll.wustl.edu>).

Total units required: A minimum of 42 units at the 300 and 400 level, distributed among French, Italian, and Spanish

Required courses:

- Language I: Courses through the 400 level, including French 307 and French 321 or French 322 for French, Ital 307 and Ital 308 for Italian, and Span 302 and Span 303 for Spanish; two literature surveys (French: Thinking-It-Through courses; Italian: Ital 323W and Ital 324W; or Spanish: Debating Cultures or Researching Cultures courses); and two 400-level courses (in Italian, two literature courses; in French, either two Thinking-It-Through courses or one Thinking-It-Through course and one In-Depth course; in Spanish, either two literature courses or one literature course and one linguistics course)
- Language II: Courses through the 400 level, including French 307 and French 321 or French 322 for French, Ital 307 and Ital 308 for Italian, and Span 302 and Span 303 for Spanish; at least two literature surveys (French: Thinking-It-Through courses; Italian: Ital 323W and Ital 324W; or Spanish: Debating Cultures or Researching Cultures courses); and one 400-level course (in Italian and French, a literature course; in Spanish, either literature or linguistics)

- Language III: Courses through and including one literature survey (French 307 and French 321 or French 322 for French, Ital 307 and Ital 308 for Italian, and Span 302 and Span 303 for Spanish) plus, depending on the language, a Thinking-It-Through course in French; Ital 323W or Ital 324W in Italian; or a Debating Cultures or Researching Cultures course in Spanish
- One writing-intensive course in either Spanish or Italian or via a French In-Depth course
- A capstone experience, either by completing Latin honors or by completing a senior undergraduate seminar during the junior or senior year with a grade of B+ or better. We encourage students to consider doing an honors thesis, perhaps combining French and Spanish. The 6 units of 495 (honors) would be above and beyond the requirements listed above for each language.

Students need to take these classes for a letter grade and earn a B- or better, with a B average overall, per departmental requirements of all majors.

Students need approval from directors of undergraduate studies for Italian, French, and Spanish for this major.

Additional Information

Students who plan to teach or pursue graduate study should consider taking a second foreign language as well as linguistics courses. In all departmental courses for the major, the student must receive a grade of B- or better. Each student's progress toward achieving the objectives of the major will be assessed on a regular basis and by a variety of means. More information is available in the departmental mission statement.

Spanish Honors in Linguistics: To qualify for Spanish Honors in Linguistics in the major by thesis, a student must complete linguistic research and prepare and orally defend an honors thesis, which is judged by an honors faculty committee. The honors thesis in linguistics may include scientific experiments conducted in Spanish. The written thesis will include several drafts, all of which will be written in Spanish.

Study Abroad: Students are encouraged to participate in a study abroad program. Programs are available in France, Italy, Spain, Ecuador, Mexico, and Chile.

Senior Honors: Students who have maintained at least a 3.65 overall cumulative grade-point average through the end of the junior year are encouraged to work toward Latin honors (i.e., cum laude, magna cum laude, or summa cum laude). To qualify for Latin honors in the major by thesis, a student must complete special literary research and prepare and orally defend an honors thesis, which is judged by an honors faculty committee. To qualify for Latin honors by course work, the student must complete four literature courses at the 400 level (including two in literature before 1800) and present two critical essays written for those courses to be judged by an honors faculty committee. Recommendations for honors are based on performance, the quality of the thesis or critical essays, and the cumulative GPA.