



MORAVIAN COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

An overview of the department and its offerings. For further information, visit the website at www.moravian.edu/languages.

Moravian College's Modern Languages and Literatures Department offers an intellectual environment in which students have the chance to explore the multifaceted opportunities for personal and professional growth that they encounter other cultures and the development of proficiency in a foreign language. The department recently devised a new curriculum which strengthens the sequence of courses in French, German and Spanish, both qualitatively and quantitatively. It will emphasize skill integration and content-based courses, which will create a more natural and lively learning experience.

Strong, Personalized Academic Majors

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures offers traditional major and minor programs in French, German and Spanish as well as elementary and intermediate level courses in Arabic, Italian and Latin. The department also offers a major in international management in conjunction with the department of economics and business; a program leading to teacher certification in foreign languages in conjunction with the department of education; and new majors in French and Francophone studies and in German studies, which will allow students to pursue their study of a foreign language combined with language-related interdisciplinary courses. All programs offered at Moravian are designed to prepare



students for careers in teaching, business, government, health care, graduate school, and more.

Students are advised toward mastering a second foreign language and to extend their studies as far as possible in history, economics, management, literature, linguistics, philosophy, art, religion, social work and music.

It is necessary for the department to be flexible, because students fall into two categories: those who take a foreign language just to fulfill the requirement and those who are seeking a minor or a major, or interdepartmental major such as international management. The department focuses on three different areas: skills, knowledge of literature and cultural values.

Classes are always conducted as much as possible in the target language. Students are also exposed to literature in the foreign language through class discussions and simple readings. The purpose of the requirement is to acquaint students with cultural values and expressions of the people who speak the language they are learning.

Modern languages and literatures majors learn to communicate with native speakers with ease and relative fluency. Students develop their understanding of major literary works while improving their speaking and writing skills. Majors, and minors to a lesser extent, also have the opportunity to develop their knowledge and appreciation of the cultural heritage of the speakers of the target language.





Hands-On Learning

To better prepare students for graduate school and professional careers, the department provides opportunities to engage them in collaborative research with a faculty member through SOAR projects and independent research through the Honors program and other independent studies. Students can choose an Honors project, field study, or SOAR research project. Students work one-on-one with faculty and receive stipends for their work. They also develop research skills and experience that is applicable to future graduate school or professional work during the SOAR project. An Honors project allows the student to pursue a year-long study of special interest under the personal guidance of a faculty member, who serves as the Honors project advisor.

Students majoring in modern languages and literatures are required to study abroad, and they are expected to take advantage of extra-curricular opportunities, such as involvement with language clubs, foreign films and other cultural events. A semester abroad challenges the students in terms of discovering their own personality and their ability to deal with a foreign environment. The department also offers students an opportunity to enroll in direct exchange programs in France (University of Poitiers), Germany (Erfurt), and Colombia (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Bogotá). An intensive six-week summer program is offered for Moravian students on language and culture in Puebla, Mexico; Seville, Spain; Bonn, Germany; and Rome, Italy. May Term at Moravian offers two trips: one to Panama and one to Europe.

Students are encouraged to present their scholarly works at a variety of undergraduate conferences, such as Moravian's annual Conference in German Studies and the

Undergraduate Conference in Medieval and Early Modern Studies, the Mid-Atlantic Council on Latin American Studies, and Moravian's annual Scholarship and Creative Arts Day. Every spring, Moravian hosts the International Poetry Night when students are encouraged to submit their original poems.

Alumni Careers in Modern Languages and Literatures

Moravian modern languages and literatures majors enjoy a wide range of career options upon graduation, including entering the workforce or graduate school. In many professions, knowledge of one or more foreign languages greatly enhances job qualifications.

- Lauren Anderson Ezzell '07, '13 is a French teacher in the Northampton Area School District and defended her M.Ed. thesis in April 2013.
- Mateo Onori '11 is a Spanish teacher at Jackson Liberty High School in Jackson, N.J.
- Anne Joseph '12 is a teledata representative for ADP Payroll Services.
- Kate Brueingsen '11 completed her graduate studies in 18th and 19th century British literature at the University of Leeds.
- Shannon Murray '11 has applied for a scholarship to work in France (TAPIF) and for a teaching Fulbright.
- Deborah Cruz '11 teaches Spanish and English in the Lehigh Valley Dual Language Charter School and is studying for her M.Ed. at Moravian.
- Lauren Scevola '07 works for an advertising agency in New York City.
- Samantha Stens '07 teaches French in an Ohio school.
- Jennifer Gillard '07 works at the University of Pennsylvania as a specialist for communications and outreach for the institution's bioengineering department and is studying nonprofit leadership in graduate school.

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we promise the power of the liberal arts,
a whole wide world of experience,
and a deeper enjoyment of life.

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