

MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Degree offered: BA with major in French, German, Russian Studies, or Spanish

Minor: Yes (In Chinese, French, German, Russian Studies, or Spanish. See Catalogue for requirements.)

Courses to fulfill the LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY requirement:

- Language competency is defined as equating with successful completion of any four-credit language course numbered 201 or higher. The appropriate language course taken on any of the Rhodes Maymasters Abroad may be substituted for 201. The normal sequence is 101-102-201. Students may be exempted from some or all language courses depending on their demonstrated competency in the language. Students interested in this possibility **MUST** take the placement test offered on-line and then follow up with faculty in the appropriate language. 101 courses are rarely taught second semester. Students must fulfill the language requirement in one of the languages Rhodes teaches. Students who can demonstrate native or near-native proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening in a language other than English should contact the Chair of the Modern Languages and Literatures Department.

Courses required for majors and appropriate for beginning students:

- 202 (only for French, German, and Russian Studies), 301, and in some cases 302, provided the student has placed above the previous level on the placement test or has permission of the instructor. For other possible courses, consult faculty members in the appropriate languages.

Language Placement Exam:

- This exam is administered by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures by WebCAPE. Placement results are made immediately available to students and advisers via WebCAPE. This test should be taken for placement purposes and may be taken by students wishing to satisfy the college's competency requirement in languages, although they will be required to follow up on the exam with an individual oral interview with one of the faculty in that language. Students for whom English is a documented second language automatically satisfy the college's competency requirement in languages.

Courses that cannot be taken for credit:

- Courses numbered 101 **MAY NOT** be taken for credit by students who have completed two or more years of that language in high school. Such students should enroll in the course determined by the placement exam. (In the opening weeks of class, 102 courses include ample review.) An alternative is to start a new language.

Latest time to begin a major and graduate on schedule:

- In most cases, 202 should be completed by the end of the sophomore year.

Courses that close quickly:

- Many sections of 101, 102, 201, and 202, as well as Spanish 301 and 302 fill up quickly. Slots may reopen during registration. It may be worthwhile to try again at a later time. If all else fails, the student should contact the professor of the desired section or the head of that particular language program to see what adjustments, if any, can be made.

Courses with time-of-year limitations:

- 101 courses. Generally offered in the fall semester only.
- 102 and 201 courses. 102 courses are generally offered only in the spring semester, and 201 courses only in the fall, with the exception of French and Spanish, which are usually offered in both semesters.
- 202 courses. Generally offered in the spring semester only, with the exception of French and Spanish, which are usually offered in both semesters.