foreign languages



Program Description

CSUS offers courses and/or degrees in the foreign languages listed below. Refer to appropriate section of catalog for course descriptions and requirements.

Chinese - Minor; French - Bachelor of Arts, Minor, Subject Matter Program; German - Minor; Italian -Minor; Japanese - Minor; Latin - Minor; Portuguese -Minor; Russian - Minor; Spanish - Bachelor of Arts, Minor, Subject Matter Program, Master of Arts In addition, course work is available in: Arabic, Greek, Linguistics, Punjabi, Vietnamese

Special Features

- International Programs are offered in China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Quebec and Spain.
- In addition, three summer MA programs in Spanish are offered in Mexico, Peru, Costa Rica/Guatemala and Spain. Graduate Student Exchange Programs are offered to France, Germany and Spain.
- Department publications include: Explicación de Textos Literarios and the Society for Germanic Philology Newsletter.
- Honor Societies exist for the areas of French, German, Russian and Spanish. Foreign Language Clubs are organized for Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. Community internships and field experience are offered in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

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Arabic

ARBC 001A. Elementary Arabic. Introduction to standard Arabic, including Arabic letters and sounds, the essentials of Arabic grammar, and basic instruction in all four language skills: speaking, reading, listening and writing. In addition to getting a start in modern Arabic, students will also learn about social aspects of the use of Arabic. 4 units.

ARBC 001B. Elementary Arabic. Continuation of ARBC 001A. Prerequisite: ARBC 001A or instructor's permission. 4 units.

Greek

GREK 199. Special Problems in Greek. Individual projects or directed readings. Note: Open only to students who appear competent to carry on independent study; admission requires the approval of the instructor by whom the work is to be supervised. 1-3 units.

Linguistics

LING 096. Experimental Offerings in Linguistics. Experimental courses will be scheduled as needed. 3 units.

LING 130. Introduction to Language and Linguistics. Introduction to the study of language which explores its major components (phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics), its uniqueness, language change, the impact of linguistics in other fields, and its practical applications. 3 units.

LING 199. Special Problems in Linguistics. Individual problems in any area of linguistics: theoretical, descriptive, applied, historical or comparative. 1-3 units.

Punjabi

PUNJ 001A. Elementary Punjabi. Introduction to Punjabi as spoken in India and Pakistan. Instruction will be in all four language skills: speaking, reading, listening and writing. In addition to getting a start in modern Punjabi, students will also learn about social aspects of the use of Punjabi. 4 units.

PUNJ 001B. Elementary Punjabi. Continuation of PUNJ 001A, with emphasis on reading, writing, listening and speaking. Punjabi culture and its reflection in the language is given continued attention. Prerequisite: PUNJ 001A. 4 units.

Vietnamese

VIET 020. Vietnamese Literacy for Vietnamese. Provides the opportunity for speakers of Vietnamese to become literate (to read and write) in Vietnamese as well. Basic translation skills between English and Vietnamese will also be taught. Prerequisite: Knowledge of spoken Vietnamese and instructor permission. 4 units.