LANGUAGE PROGRAMS
Why Study LANGUAGES?

Understanding

The study of languages and cultures gives you:
» Knowledge of your own multicultural community, as well as the global community in which you live.
» A positive attitude toward people of other cultures and their political, social and religious values.

Employment

Knowledge of another language:
» Is a basic requirement and asset for an increasing number of careers, including government, business, law, education, medicine and various social services.
» Enhances your professional mobility and increases opportunities for promotions and higher salaries.

Enrichment

Language study:
» Improves critical and analytical thinking, problem solving, memorization and communication skills.
» Makes international travel easier and more rewarding.
Language and **CULTURE COURSES**

**Elementary Language 1101 and 1102**
4 semester credit hours each
First year of college-level language study
Develop the ability to understand, speak, read and write the language in a cultural context and are designed for the beginning student.

**Intermediate Language 2201 and 2202**
4 semester credit hours each
Second year of college-level language study
Continue to develop the ability to speak, understand, read and write the language in a cultural context. Intermediate courses include reading and discussion of modern texts, conversation, composition, grammar review and cultural activities.

**Advanced Conversation and Composition 2251 and 2252**
3 semester credit hours each
Continue to develop students’ listening comprehension, speaking, writing and reading skills as well as expand their knowledge of culture and civilization.

**Civilization and Culture 1100 and 1110**
3 semester credit hours
Introduction in English to the culture and civilization of the countries in which the studied language is the primary language. It includes topics such as geography, history, economics, political institutions, literature, music, art and architecture.

**Spanish Heritage Speakers 2206 and 2208**
4 semester credit hours each
Second year of college-level language study
Continue to develop understanding, speaking, reading and writing skills in Spanish to native or near native levels. Focuses on reading development, orthography, lexical expansion, formal grammar, facility in writing and composition. Fosters appreciation of Hispanic cultural-linguistic heritage. This course is intended for Spanish speakers who comprehend spoken Spanish and may have same degree of speaking, reading and writing ability.

**Special Topics 2820**
3 semester credit hours each
Opportunity for advanced exploration and analysis of selected topics with a specific theme indicated by course title listed in the Class Schedule. It may be taken three times for credit as long as different topics are selected.

**Independent Study 1840**
1 to 4 credit hours
Opportunity to explore and analyze topics within the discipline to meet individual student needs. The student and instructor work together to define the course description, goals, objectives, topical outline, and methods of evaluation. Courses must be approved by the instructor. Independent Study may be taken three times for credit as long as different topics are selected.

Students can use the transfer-level courses (2202, 2251, and 2252) to meet Humanities General Education requirements for associate’s degrees. For course descriptions in individual languages, please consult the College of DuPage Catalog.
Student Placement

» Students with one or two years of language in high school should enroll in 1101 or 1102.

» Students with three or four years of language in high school should enroll in 1102 or 2201.

» Students with four or five years of high school language who have a strong knowledge of grammar and strong communication skills in the language should enroll in 2251.

» Heritage Speakers of Spanish should enroll in 2206 or 2208.

» Also, students with prior experience in the language such as language educators and those with native or near-native speaking and writing fluency in the language should enroll in 2251 or 2252.

» Students with questions about correct placement in the language should contact one of the College of DuPage Language faculty listed on back or see cod.edu/programs/languages
Study ABROAD

Program
The programs are approximately five weeks in length and include pre-departure workshops and intensive language study and excursions in the country.

Accommodations
Students will live with a host family or in a university dormitory.

Admission Requirements
The program is open to students, teachers and community members 18 years old or older who have a strong interest in immersing themselves in a language and its culture. Current students must have a GPA of at least 2.75. No prior knowledge of the language is required (one year of Spanish is preferred for the program in Spain).

Credits
Students will earn 6 to 7 semester hours of credit: 3 to 4 credits for language and 3 credits for history and culture.

Financial Aid
Many types of financial aid can be applied to study abroad. For information, contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance at (630) 942-2251.

Deadline
Completed applications should be received by Feb. 15. Space permitting, applications may be accepted after that date.

For more information on applications and scholarships, visit the Study Abroad office in the Berg Instructional Center (BIC), Room 3509, or call (630) 942-2356.

Summer study abroad programs are available at the following locations:

San José, Costa Rica
Berlin, Germany
Bordeaux, France
Siena, Italy
Kyoto, Japan
Madrid, Spain
Xi’an, China
Language and Culture Clubs

The Spanish Club, Casa de Amigos, is a student organization open to all students interested in the Spanish language and Hispanic cultures. Students plan and schedule events open to College of DuPage students, faculty, staff and community members with the purpose of encouraging the use of the Spanish language and expanding the knowledge of cultures in which Spanish is spoken.

The German Club, Deutscher Verein, is open to students who are interested in German language and culture. The club is open to all College of DuPage students even if not currently enrolled in German classes. Activities include a weekly Stammtisch (German conversation table), which meets in the cafeteria at lunch, outings to German restaurants and films, and to the German Christmas Market.

The Italian Club, C.I.A.O. (College of DuPage Italian-American Organization), invites the COD community to participate in our exploration of Italian language and culture through conversation, film cuisine, games and cultural excursions. Membership is open to COD students, faculty, staff and community members. Our Italian club collaborates with the “Amici Club of Naperville” in some events.

The Japanese Culture Club, JCC, is a student organization open to all students interested in the Japanese language and culture. Students plan and schedule events open to College of DuPage students, faculty and staff, and explore aspects of Japanese pop culture such as anime (Japanese animation), films, music and literature. For more information, contact Shingo Satsutani, faculty advisor for the organization.

The French Club, La connexion française, invites the COD community to participate in their exploration of francophone language, countries, and culture through conversation, film cuisine, games, and cultural excursions. Membership is open to COD students, faculty, staff and community members. Our French Club collaborates with the Alliance Française of DuPage in some events.

National Foreign Language Honors Society

Language students at College of DuPage are encouraged to join Nu Alpha chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma, the National Collegiate Foreign Language Society of the United States. In order to join, students must have a 3.0 overall grade point average and have earned two A’s in one foreign language.

For more information contact Donna Gillespie or Shingo Satsutani, faculty advisors for Nu Alpha chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma.
Mission
The mission of the Language faculty at College of DuPage is to provide an outstanding academic program for the study and teaching of languages to educate a diverse student population in the cultures and languages of a global society.

Dual Credit
College of DuPage has dual credit agreements with several high school districts. Dual credit provides high school students the opportunity to enroll in courses for which they receive both college credit and high school credit.

Credit by Demonstrated Competence
Credit for 1101 and 1102 classes in some languages may also be earned by Credit by Demonstrated Competence. Procedures for earning credit are available from the Testing Center. Contact the Testing Center office, (630) 942-2401, for fee information and a list of exams.

Please note: Only up to 42 semester credit hours from Credit by Demonstrated Competence or Credit by Examination may be applied toward a College of DuPage degree, and no grade will be received for this type of credit. Some four-year schools may not accept credit earned by proficiency. The student is responsible to check on the policies of transfer schools before applying for Credit by Demonstrated Competence.

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