

Modern Languages & Literatures

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Manhattan College's Department of Modern Languages and Literatures offers majors and minors in French and Spanish as well as minors in Arabic, Italian, Chinese and Japanese. In addition, Irish is offered through a cooperative program with Lehman College at the nearby Lehman College campus. Students enrolled in those courses will follow Lehman College's catalog and schedule. Through a consortial arrangement with the College of Mount Saint Vincent, the department also offers Filipino language (Tagalog) and culture.

Language courses are oriented towards the achievement of oral and written proficiency. The goals of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures are to develop the ability to understand, speak, read, and write effectively in a language other than English; to provide better understanding of other cultures and other modes of expression in order to broaden international understanding; and to prepare students for graduate studies and careers in education, international business, communication, government, social services, and related fields.

The Department places all students in an appropriate language course based on their prior knowledge or study of the language.

In addition, Modern Language majors are encouraged to combine language studies with other disciplines, resulting in minors or double majors.

Requirements for a Major in Spanish and Latin American Studies: Thirty credits beyond SPAN102. No more than 6 credits at the 200 level or 6 AP credits may be applied to the major. SPAN 317 is required of all majors and is a prerequisite for all 400-level courses. Of the remaining electives, 9 credits must be at the 400 level. A major's program should be carefully planned in consultation with a faculty advisor to assure oral and writing competence in Spanish. Study abroad is strongly encouraged.

Requirements for a Major in French and Francophone Studies: Thirty credits beyond FREN102. No more than 6 credits at the 200 level or 6 AP credits may be applied to the major. Required courses: FREN 350, or FREN 351 and one FREN 400 level. The remaining credits may be chosen from the 300 or 400 levels. A major's program of study should be carefully planned with an academic advisor to assure oral and writing competence in French. Study abroad is strongly encouraged.

Requirements for a French Concentration in Education: Thirty credits beyond FREN102. No more than 6 credits at the 200 level or 6 AP credits may be applied to the concentration. The following are required: FREN 301 Advanced French Conversation and Phonetics or FREN 307 Advanced Grammar and Composition; 6 credits from FREN 303 French Culture Through Film, FREN 340 French Civilization, FREN 341 Contemporary French Civilization, or FREN 342 Francophone Literature and Culture; and FREN 350 Masterworks in French Literature I or FREN 351 Masterworks in French & Francophone Literature II. The remaining electives must be at the 300 or 400 levels. In addition, the student must take 12 credits of a second modern language (other than English). Study abroad is strongly encouraged in the sophomore year.

Requirements for a Spanish and Latin American Studies Concentration in Education: Thirty credits beyond SPAN102. No more than 6 credits at the 200 level or 6 AP credits may be applied to the concentration. The following are required: SPAN 307 (<https://catalog.manhattan.edu/search/?P=SPAN%20307>) Advanced Grammar ; SPAN 340 (<https://catalog.manhattan.edu/search/?P=SPAN%20340>) Spanish Civilization and SPAN 341 (<https://catalog.manhattan.edu/search/?P=SPAN%20341>) Spanish American Civilization; SPAN 317 Introduction to Hispanic Literature. Of the remaining electives, 6 credits must be at the 400 level. In addition, the student must take 12 credits of a second modern language (other than English). Study abroad is strongly encouraged in the sophomore year.

Requirements for a Minor in a Modern Language and Literature: The Department offers minors in Arabic, French, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, and Spanish. Minors are required to take 15 credits beyond 102 (the Arabic, Chinese and Japanese minors allow up to 3 credits from the 100 level). Of these, only 6 credits may be applied from the 200 level, and only six credits of 300- and 400-level work may be transferred from a study abroad program. The minor must constitute a coherent program of study designed with an academic advisor and aimed at achieving oral proficiency in the language.

Grade Requirements: A minimum grade of C is required for course credit toward a major or a minor in Modern Languages and Literature.

Study Abroad Programs: Majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad either for a semester or a summer term at an approved program abroad. Students may choose from a variety of options, including Manhattan College-sponsored programs as well as programs sponsored by partner institutions in France, Italy, Spain, or in various other countries. To be eligible for study abroad, students must have an overall grade point average of 2.75 and an average of 3.0 in their language major or minor.