

QUICK FACTS
CLASSICAL &
MODERN
LANGUAGES

SCHOOL OF ARTS & LETTERS

Investigate the world in creative and thoughtful ways. Discover rich academic and artistic experiences in a supportive environment. Experience powerful and life-changing opportunities. Serve as a cultural resource.

Be inspired to lead a meaningful, productive, and interconnected life.

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DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL & MODERN LANGUAGES




“Studying Spanish in the Department of Classical & Modern Languages at Truman afforded me countless opportunities for personal, academic, and professional growth. During my time there, I benefitted from study abroad, internships, professional and freelance employment in my field, volunteerism, extracurricular activities, and so much more!”

Emma Merrigan, Class of 2014
Pursued at Truman: Spanish
Currently pursuing: Graduate studies in Spanish Literature Washington University
Hometown: St. Joseph, Missouri

Languages

Immerse yourself in a broad range of languages:

Ancient Greek	French	Japanese	Russian
Arabic	German	Latin	Spanish
Chinese	Italian	Portuguese	Swahili

Programs

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees in Classics, French, German, Romance Languages, Spanish and Russian.
- Approximately 60% of Classical & Modern Language (CML) majors earn a double major—in another language, Business, Political Science, Biology, Mathematics, Psychology, Communications, Communication Disorders and many other fields.
- A CML major is a great complement to pre-professional programs, especially in education, medicine, health sciences, and law.
- Pursue a minor in French, French in Translation, German, Greek, Latin, Spanish, Spanish for the Professions (Health and Business), and Russian Studies.
- Interdisciplinary minors are offered in Asian Studies, Classical Studies and Italian Studies.
- Earn an interdisciplinary major in Chinese Studies, Italian Studies or Japanese Studies.
- Master of Arts in Education degrees are offered in French and Spanish.

Faculty

- Experienced faculty teach all courses at all levels.
- 36 are full-time faculty members, 86% of whom hold a PhD in their field
- Many are native speakers from places like Argentina, Austria, China, Colombia, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Senegal, and Spain.
- CML faculty are leaders in national and regional language organizations.
- As published authors of books, journal articles, poems, and plays, faculty serve as supportive role models.

In The Classroom

- Study of a foreign language is a priority on Truman’s campus: approximately 1/3 of Truman students are enrolled in a foreign language class at any given time.
- Class sizes for advanced courses range from 5-25 students.

Beyond The Classroom

- Live, eat and breathe language? Choose to room in the Romance Languages living-learning community in Missouri Hall.
- Experience service-learning opportunities with Spanish and French-speaking immigrants in the local community.



“The national convention for the Classical Studies honorary society, Eta Sigma Phi, is a fantastic outlet for students of Ancient Greek and Latin to present their research and meet Classics students from other universities. It allows our students to expand their Truman education beyond the confines of the traditional classroom and have a transformative, high-impact educational experience.”

Amy Norgard
Assistant Professor of Classics

- Participate in poetry readings and theater performances in the original language.
- Have a leadership role in a departmental student organization or honor society.
- Try an immersion weekend for French and Spanish students.
- Join a conversation table in the residence halls and off-campus.

Service Learning

- Taiwan-Connect (teaching English to students in Taiwan via Skype)
- Latin instruction in local schools
- English instruction to the Congolese immigrant community

Study Abroad

- Study abroad with members of the Truman faculty:

Annecy, France	Mérida, Mexico
Alajuela, Costa Rica	Salamanca, Spain
Düsseldorf, Germany	Shanghai, China
- Pursue opportunities in more than 60 different countries, including an exchange program with Shanghai University in China.
- Find internships abroad to fit a variety of academic and career goals.
- Monetary assistance is available, including Truman State University Foundation Scholarships.
- Cultural loans are available for all programs.

After the Degree

- Live and work abroad as the Fulbright or Boren Scholar in Andorra, Argentina, Germany, Mozambique, Russia, Thailand, Venezuela, Bulgaria, Spain, Georgia, or Mexico.
- Attend graduate school in fields such as academic administration, communications, education, law, linguistics, literature, medicine, and translation/interpretation at schools such as, Cornell University, George Washington University, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterrey, University of Kentucky, University of North Carolina, Northwestern University, University of Michigan, University of Texas-Austin, University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign, University of Wisconsin, and Yale University.
- Teach English as a Foreign Language in countries such as China, Italy, Spain, France, Japan, Korea, Russia, Taiwan and Vietnam.
- Teach elementary, middle and high school throughout Missouri and the nation.
- Practice law, earning a J.D. degree from universities such as Georgetown University, the University of Colorado-Boulder, the University of Missouri, the University of Pittsburgh, and Washington University.
- Practice medicine, earning a M.D. or D.O. degree at schools such as A.T. Still University, School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona, and St. Louis University.
- Become a university professor at schools like Bucknell University, Michigan State University, University of Houston University of Kansas, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, University of Missouri, and the University of Queensland-Australia.
- Write professionally as a novelist, screen writer, or journalist.
- Work as a professional translator in the United States and Canada or as a print editor abroad.
- Establish your own business, like Arts and Letters boutique (Springfield, Mo.), Renderance Translation Services (St. Louis, Mo.), Institute of Modern Spanish (Mérida, Mexico) and hold a management position in international business and trade.
- Work for a non-profit at home or abroad.

Immerse Yourself in Culture

“A different language is a different vision of the world.” — Federico Fellini

Be inspired. Learn how acquiring a new language can affect your views of the world.

Study abroad for a summer or semester in any of 63 countries.

Learn from peers and professors at weekly conversation tables or Immersion Weekends.

Speak your language daily in a semi-immersion residence hall or use it actively in the community through a Service Learning course.

Learn through understanding. Prepare for a life that matters.

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PURSuing CLASSICAL & MODERN LANGUAGES

BA DEGREE OFFERED

MAJORS OFFERED
 Classics, French, German, Romance Languages, Russian, Spanish

MINORS OFFERED
 Asian Studies, Classical Studies, French, French Minor in Translation, German, Greek, Italian Studies, Latin, Russian Studies, Spanish, Spanish Minor for the Professions

172 | **437**

approximate number of students pursuing one of these majors | approximate number of students pursuing one of these minors

36 full-time faculty members

DEPARTMENTAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
 Anime Club, Classics Club, Club for Italian Appreciation and Outreach (CIAO), German Club, Hablantes Unidos, Hispanic American Leadership Organization, LinguaProfs, Russian Club, Society for Sino-American Study, Spanish Club
 HONOR SOCIETIES: Eta Sigma Phi (Classics); Pi Delta Pi (French); Delta Phi Alpha (German); Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish)