

Title	BA in Modern Language
Program Type	Degree Program
College/School	College of Arts & Sciences
Department	Foreign Language-Other
Academic Level	Undergraduate
CIP Code	16.0101 - 16.0101
Effective CAT	<u>2023-24</u> 2022-23

Program Requirements and Description as it will appear in the bulletin.

General Education Requirements

Each language major must satisfy the [general education requirements](#) of the university and the general education requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Specific Requirements or Restrictions

Students entering with no high school language units must enroll in Language 1001 or may enroll in Language 2115. Language 2115 (a, b, and c) is the intensive study of a language and will satisfy the foreign language requirement. 2115a, 2115b, and 2115c are co-requisites and must be taken concurrently. To satisfy the foreign language requirement all three sections must be completed with a grade of C- or better.

A grade of D in a Language 1001 course is a passing grade but not an entrance grade for a Language 1002 course. A grade of D in a Language 1002 course is a passing grade but not an entrance grade for a Language 2101 course or its equivalent. A grade of D in a Language 2101 course fulfills the language requirement but is not an entrance grade for a higher-level course.

Demonstration of a high level of proficiency may affect the number of hours required for the major. Native or heritage speakers of a language should consult with the department concerning appropriate placement and advising. Students with previous language coursework should contact the department for language placement testing and advising. Students may not take for credit an elementary course if they have already completed a higher-level course for which the elementary course, or its equivalent, is a prerequisite.

Degree Requirements

All courses for the major must be passed with a grade of C- or better. No course required for the major may be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory (s/u) basis with the exception of those taken abroad as part of a university program that has received departmental approval.

Bachelor of Arts

All students seeking a B.A. in a Modern Language must successfully complete [FGN LANG 2100](#) Languages and World View and [FGN LANG 2294](#), Foreign Language Careers for the Global Market, and must meet the departmental requirement of a minimum of 33 hours in French or [39 37-39](#) hours in Japanese or 35 hours in Spanish or 30-33 hours in the Dual Language Professional Emphasis (excluding Language 1001 and 1002). The maximum number of hours that may be taken in the major is 45 (including Language 1001 and 1002). In addition, students seeking the B.A. in Modern Language who desire a teaching certificate should consult the College of Education's advising office for additional coursework and other professional secondary education requirements. ~~In addition, students seeking the B.A. in a Modern Language who desire a teaching certificate must also take FGN LANG 4589 (same as SEC ED 4589), Curriculum and Methods of Teaching Foreign Languages, [FGN LANG 4590](#) (same as [SEC ED 4590](#)), and fulfill the professional secondary education requirements of the College of Education.~~

Transfer Students

Transfer students majoring in one of the modern languages must complete at UMSL a minimum of 12 graded hours in language courses at the 3000 level or above with a grade point average of 2.0 or better in those courses.

Heritage Speakers

For departmental purposes, heritage speakers are defined as individuals who have been raised in a family or social environment in which the target language is habitually used for day-to-day communication but have not completed their secondary schooling in the target language.

Students will take a nationally-normed proficiency test (STAMP or equivalent) to determine placement:

Students who receive a score at or above the Intermediate High level of proficiency in speaking, and listening, and at or above the Intermediate Mid level of proficiency in reading and writing will be eligible to pursue the requirements of the Modern Language Major at the 3xxx and 4xxx levels. Total number of credits: 28 in Spanish or French, and 30 in Japanese including FGN LANG 2100 and FGN LANG 2294. Students completing the Japanese emphasis may include coursework in English at the 1000-level or 2000-level for the 6 elective credits in the emphasis area.

Students who receive a score below Intermediate Mid in any skill must meet with an advisor to determine proper placement.

Native Speakers

For departmental purposes, native speakers are defined as individuals who completed their secondary education or above in the target language. Students will submit an official transcript to the University.

For emphasis areas in French, Japanese and Spanish:

Native speakers will complete 3 classes at the 4xxx-level and at least 3 classes at the 3xxx or above. AND, FGN LANG 2100 (3) and FGN LANG 2294 (1). Total numbers of credits: 22 credits total, including FGN LANG 2100 and FGN LANG 2294.

For Dual Language Professional emphasis area:

Please see a content-area advisor for more information.

Native speakers will complete 3 classes at the 4xxx-level and at least 3 classes at the 3xxx or above, and, FGN LANG 2100 (3) and FGN LANG 2294 (1). Total numbers of credits: 22 credits total, including FGN LANG 2100 and FGN LANG 2294.

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~~Native speakers must complete at least two courses at the 3000 level and four courses at the 4000 level to obtain a major in their native language.~~