

What Sets Our Foreign Languages & Literatures Department Apart?

Q: We frequently talk about skills that we expect students in our majors to acquire: critical thinking, communication, research and analysis, organization, and empathy. In addition to these more general skills, are there specific skills that your program offers to prospective students?

A: Our students gain language proficiency in Spanish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, Arabic and Latin. In addition to the acquisition of vocabulary and grammar, all of our courses emphasize cultural competence. Armed with cross-cultural understanding, our graduates are equipped to participate meaningfully in world discourse.

Q: How does your program give students an advantage in today's job market?

A: Studying other languages provides a competitive edge for students across all fields of study. To compete on the world stage, our students must be able to communicate with their peers worldwide.

Q: What jobs / careers are students in your major best positioned to pursue?

A: There are many applications for the knowledge of languages, cultures, literatures and linguistics. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, interpretation and translation rank very high for projected job growth. Other high demand careers include within health care, business, advertising, and education. Further areas of opportunity are found in communications, publishing, law, government, entertainment, travel, and even computer science!



The Bottom Line

The Foreign Languages and Literatures Department at Rowan University boasts a diverse faculty with expertise in a broad range of related fields, including the study of linguistics, literatures and cultures. The rich variety of courses offered by our department support several programs, including our Spanish Major, an interdisciplinary Major in Modern Languages & Linguistics, an Applied Spanish Sequence within the B.A. in Liberal Studies: Humanities/Social Science, Minors in Spanish, French, German Studies, and Romance Languages, and Certificates of Undergraduate Study (CUGS) in Spanish, French, German, Italian, Japanese and Chinese. Other advantages include a state-of-the-art Language Laboratory, scholarships for our students and the opportunity to satisfy program requirements through study abroad.