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Engage. Express. Enlighten.

Do you find it fascinating to be able to communicate in a foreign language? Do you enjoy reading literature and watching foreign films? Do you like to learn about other cultures and meet people from other countries? Do you see yourself helping others because of your language skills? Do you dream about studying abroad in Chile, Granada, Rome, Paris or Salzburg?

Welcome to foreign language study at Assumption College! Knowledge of another language, or languages, is highly valued in business, government and nonprofit organizations.

DID YOU KNOW?

Study abroad offers Assumption students the opportunity for a broader worldview. You gain a new perspective as you immerse yourself in another culture. Assumption is associated with 50 study abroad programs around the world — including our own campus in Rome.

Discover the world

By studying languages at Assumption you will not only learn to communicate in a foreign language; you also will explore the history, literature, philosophy, and customs of other cultures around the world. Through the study of languages you can become a citizen of the global community.

Taught by a dynamic faculty, our courses in French, German, Ancient Greek, Italian, Latin and Spanish are small and interactive. In addition to speaking and reading the language

in class, students watch films, make videos, listen to songs and even play games to gain language facility and appreciation of the culture.

The study of languages helps you improve your oral and written communication skills, and also expands your capacity for critical thinking and examination. In fact, the type of analysis you perform on texts and films in your chosen language will help you in any future career, from translator to teacher to business professional.

“At Assumption College I have received an education that has truly given me the confidence to go to another country and teach a subject that I am passionate about! Through my internship I have had the privilege to observe a teacher who has been teaching for 30 years.”

Claudia Palencia '17, Spanish and Education, Student Teacher at El Instituto San Roman in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Post-Grad Position: Foreign Language Teacher at Day Middle School



ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

Light the way.

Course of study

Studying languages at Assumption College will develop your linguistic, cultural and critical analysis skills. Adding a language or languages as minor can complement many academic disciplines while enhancing your career potential.

FRENCH

Minor. Achieve proficiency and fluency in the oral and written forms of the language, you will read with understanding and enjoyment representative works of French literature.

ITALIAN STUDIES

Minor. Develop a greater knowledge of the Italian language and an understanding of the Italian way of life as seen in the social structure, political institutions, economy, arts, and culture of Italy.

SPANISH

Major or Minor. Achieve proficiency and fluency in the spoken and written language, you'll become knowledgeable about Hispanic cultures, and read (and enjoy) with critical appreciation representative works of the principal authors of Spain and Latin America.

LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDIES

Major or Minor. Strengthen your awareness of cultural diversity. Through this comprehensive course of study, you will learn about the societies of the region and understand the complexity of their history, political and economic systems, social structures, and literary and artistic expression.

GERMAN STUDIES

Minor. Develop a greater knowledge of the language and a deeper understanding of the thoughts and culture of the German-speaking countries, especially of the new Federal Republic of Germany.

Learn about our modern and classical languages and cultures faculty, courses and degree requirements at www.assumption.edu/languages

DID YOU KNOW?

Assumption College developed The French Institute in 1979 to preserve the French heritage of the College and the region through academic research and cultural activities. The Institute is the leading center to study material relating to French Canadian immigration to New England.

SAMPLE COURSES

Border Identities in Spain
Classical Mythology
French Culture and Civilization
Italian Cinema
Magical Realism and the Literature of the Fantastic
Modern German Masterpieces
Rebellion and Reinvention in Mexico
Techniques of Translation
Twentieth Century French Drama

DID YOU KNOW?

Some of our Spanish courses offer a service learning component, in which students learn through serving the community. Students recently helped Spanish-speaking immigrant children in local schools with their English skills, tutored adult English learners through interactive literacy activities using photography, and gathered data for a reference guide for local immigrant families.

84%

2018 graduates participated in research, internships, service learning and/or student teaching opportunities

Get out there!

What better way to enhance your study of a language than to immerse yourself in its culture? At Assumption, we highly recommend (though do not require) that our language students study abroad for a semester at one of 50 sites around the world — including Assumption's own campus in Rome. In cities from Paris to Prague, you not only improve your language fluency and cultural awareness, you also earn course credit toward your degree.

Shorter summer courses are also available, such as a program in Sicily featuring a homestay, two weeks of study with an Assumption professor and trips to Rome and Pompeii.

SAMPLE STUDY ABROAD SITES

Buenos Aires, Argentina
Dublin, Ireland
Paris, France
Rome, Italy
Salamanca, Spain
Salzburg, Austria

WHAT'S NEXT?

Assumption students of modern and classical languages and cultures either go on to graduate programs in such areas as foreign language, library studies, or law, or enter directly into careers in such fields as business, education, finance, social service, nonprofit administration, or technology. Here's a sampling of places where alumni from our programs have applied their knowledge of languages and cultures:

SAMPLE RECENT EMPLOYERS

Amica
Boston Public Schools
EMC Corporation
Massachusetts and Connecticut Public Schools
MassMutual Financial Group
Mellon Financial Corporation (now BNY Mellon)
United Nations

SAMPLE RECENT GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Boston University
Cambridge College
Curry College
Middlebury College
Simmons College
University of Connecticut