

Global Cultures & Languages: Foreign Languages Option

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

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With growing U.S. involvement in international markets and the increasingly global character of American society, a foreign language makes you more marketable and increases your opportunities for employment as well as adventure.

Majors are available in French, German and Spanish and include study in the language, history, culture and politics of a particular area. The study of foreign language is supported by an interactive classroom setting where students gain fluency in and a greater appreciation of the language and culture they are studying.

The foreign languages option prepares students for graduate study and for positions in import/export, business, government and teaching.

Becoming Career Ready...

/ Students studying in the foreign language option interact with qualified faculty in a small class environment.

/ BA in Global Culture & Languages students work in the import/export industry, business, government, communication, and travel and museum industries. Job titles include court interpreter, bilingual counselor, archivist, customs/immigrations officer, flight attendant and Peace Corps worker.

/ Students in the program are provided hands-on experience through internships, practica and field work.

/ Study abroad opportunities include short-term trips or full-term exchanges which help students develop valuable career skills, strengthen adaptability, and broaden perspectives.

/ The BA degree prepares students for graduate studies.

/ 100% of Southeast programs offer our students an internship, study-abroad program, clinical opportunity, student teaching or research internship. The majority of global cultures & languages graduates find employment within a year of graduation.

/ The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests, and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more.

Transfer and Dual Credit Students

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transferecredit.

Employment Opportunities and Graduate Schools of Recent Graduates

- French Government Teaching Assistantship
- Florida State University
- Indiana University – Bloomington
- St. Louis University
- University of Connecticut
- University of Delaware
- University of Missouri
- Vanderbilt University

Study Abroad Programs

Students can study abroad to further develop their world view. Possibilities include exchange programs with universities in Ecuador, Germany, Spain, and France and two-week programs in Ecuador, France, and Germany. The cost of these programs is similar to the educational costs at Southeast.

Foreign Languages Student Organizations

Students have the opportunity to participate in French Club, German Club, Spanish Club, Student Organization of Latinos, and Alpha Mu Gamma-The National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society.

Retroactive Credit

A student who completes a foreign language course beyond the 100-level with a grade of C or better may apply for Retroactive Credit for courses bypassed in the language sequence (i.e. 100, 120, 200, 220). A student may receive a combination of Retroactive Credit and/or AP or transfer credit for prerequisite courses up to a maximum of 9 hours. For example, a student who enrolls in a 220 course as the first course taken at the University and completes that course with a C or better may apply for 9 retroactive credits for 100, 120, and 200.

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This is a guide based on the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

Global Cultures & Languages: Foreign Languages Option – 48 Hours

- Minor Required

- ___ AN101 Observing Other Cultures (3)
- ___ AN181 Intro to Cultural Anthropology (3)
- ___ 9 Hours of Same Foreign Language* (9)
- ___ PS104 Comparative Political Systems (3)

Choose 3 Hours From:*

- ___ FR220 French Literature (3)*
- ___ GN220 German Literature (3)*
- ___ SN220 Hispanic Literature (3)*

Choose 3 Hours From:*

- ___ Other Foreign Language (3)
- ___ GG150 Peoples & Places of the World (3)

* When choosing the Foreign Language or Global Studies option, language taken must match the track that is chosen.

Foreign Languages Option:

Choose 1 Track From:

French Track:

Required Courses:

- ___ FR010 Language Proficiency Exam: Midpoint (0)
- ___ FR020 Language Proficiency Exam: Exit (0)
- ___ French Electives (24)**

German Track:

Required Courses:

- ___ GN010 Language Proficiency Exam: Midpoint (0)
- ___ GN020 Language Proficiency Exam: Exit (0)
- ___ German Electives (24)**

Spanish Track:

Required Courses:

- ___ SN010 Language Proficiency Exam: Midpoint (0)
- ___ SN020 Language Proficiency Exam: Exit (0)
- ___ Spanish Electives (24)**

** See Department for list of approved electives. 1-16 hours of French, German or Spanish may be earned through Study Abroad. Contact the Department of Communication Studies and Modern Languages for details.

NOTE: Students are encouraged to study abroad during their junior or senior years.

These credits may be applied toward the major electives. Short-term study abroad courses are offered during the winter session and summer sessions.

General Education Requirements – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	1	AN181	3
	EN100	3	FR/GN/SN120	3
	AN101	3	General Education	3
	FR/GN/SN100	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	Total	13	Total	15
SECOND YEAR	FR/GN/SN200	3	FR/GN/SN220	3
	Other Foreign Language or GG150	3	Minor Course	3
	Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
	General Education	2	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	Total	15	Total	15
THIRD YEAR	Track Course	3	Track Course	3
	Track Course	3	Track Course	3
	PS104	3	Minor Course	3
	Minor Course	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total	15	Total	15
FOURTH YEAR	Track Course	3	FR/GN/SN020	0
	Track Course	3	Track Course	3
	Elective	3	Track Course	3
	Elective	3	Minor	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	2	Elective	3
	Total	17	Total	15

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.