

FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE, BA

Students who choose one of the six tracks of the foreign languages and literature major have options in Classics, French, German, Greek, Italian, and Latin.

200 B.B. Comer Hall

Admission into the Major

See course descriptions for information concerning appropriate placement in French, German, and Latin. Students are expected to formally declare a major no later than the fourth semester of full-time enrollment (or at 61 semester hours for transfer students). Students can declare a major by completing the Change of Major/Minor Application online under the Student tab of myBama.

Special Opportunities

The foreign languages and literature concentrations offer numerous opportunities for students to learn about the modern and ancient world. Students may participate in various club activities, become initiated into national honor societies, and take advantage of a variety of study-abroad programs. Students with foreign language proficiency have more opportunities open to them than students without that proficiency. Classics students have the opportunity to take part in the Classics Honors Program. See an advisor for more information.

Students earning the bachelor of arts (BA) degree with a major in foreign languages and literature must complete all University, College and major requirements. These include the general education requirement, all major and track requirements, all requirements for an approved minor and other sufficient credits to total a minimum of 120 applicable semester hours.

Grade Point Average

A 2.0 grade point average in the major is required for completion of the degree. Please see the Grades and Grade Points section of this catalog for an explanation on grade point average calculations.

Upper-level Residency

For all tracks, a minimum of 12 hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be earned on this campus.

Required Minor

This major requires the completion of a minor.

Additional Major Requirements

If students test out of any of the courses required for the major, this does not reduce the total number of credit hours required for the major. Students must meet with an adviser in the major department for academic planning and to be cleared for registration each semester.

Prerequisites

In addition to the stated prerequisites, all 400-level German courses have as a prerequisite 20 hours of coursework in German, or permission of the instructor.

Course Placement

The course level at which students begin their study is determined by several factors, including the following: the number of high school units completed, language placement examination scores, AP score, and/

or faculty evaluation/consultation. For more information, consult the College placement website, the departmental website, or an advisor.

<https://mlc.ua.edu/undergraduate/language-placement/>

Credit Options

With the exception of heritage language or bilingual individuals, students placed in intermediate level courses or higher and who earn a C- or higher may be granted additional credit upon written petition. Students are encouraged to take the placement test or speak with a faculty member in order to place into the highest course level possible, as incoming students may receive up to 10 hours of additional credit (102 or 103, 201, 202).

French

Except for heritage language or bilingual individuals, students placed in FR 201 Intermediate French or higher and who earn a grade of C- or higher in the course may be granted additional credit upon written petition:

Placement	Credit received with grade of "Pass" (C- or better)
FR 201	FR 102 (4 hours)
FR 202	FR 102 and FR 201 (7 hours)
FR 300 level	FR 102, FR 201, FR 202 (10 hours)

German

Except for heritage language or bilingual individuals, students placed in GN 201 Intermediate German I or higher and who earn a grade of C- or higher in the course may earn additional credit upon written petition:

Placement	Credit received with grade of "Pass" (C- or better)
GN 201	GN 103 (4 hours)
GN 202	GN 103 and GN 201 (7 hours)
GN 300 or 400 level	GN 103, GN 201, GN 202 (10 hours)

Italian

Except for heritage language or bilingual individuals, students placed in IT 201 Intermediate Italian I or higher and who earn a grade of C- or higher in the course may be granted additional credit upon written petition:

Placement	Credit received with grade of "Pass" (C- or better)
IT 201	IT 102 (4 hours)
IT 202	IT 102 and IT 201 (7 hours)
IT 300 level	IT 102, IT 201, IT 202 (10 hours)

Latin

The course level at which students begin their study of Latin is determined by several factors. These factors include the following: the number of high-school units completed, language placement examination scores or faculty evaluation. Students placed in LA 201 Intermed Latin Read I or higher and who earn a grade of B or higher in the course may be granted additional credit upon written petition.

Placement	Credit received with grade of "Pass" (C- or better)
LA 201	LA 102 (3 hours)
LA 202	LA 102 and LA 201 (6 hours)
LA 300 or 400 level	LA 102, LA 201, LA 202 (9 hours)

Tracks

The major in foreign languages and literature requires the successful completion of specifically required semester hours in one of the following six tracks:

Classic Civilization Track

Code and Title	Hours
Required Courses	
Select one of the following language sequences: ¹	12
LA 101 Elementary Latin I & LA 102 and Elementary Latin II	
LA 201 Intermed Latin Read I & LA 202 and Intermed Latin Read II	
OR	
GR 101 Beginning Greek I & GR 102 and Beginning Greek II	
GR 201 Intermediate Greek I & GR 202 and Intermediate Greek II	
Select from the following:	21
CL 222 Greek Roman Mythology	
CL 323 Alexander the Great, Then & Now	
CL 333 Greek Civilization	
CL 350 Roman Religion	
CL 385 History Of Greece	
CL 365 Greece & Rome in Lit. & Film	
CL 380 Special Topics	
CL 386 History Of Rome	
ARH 351 Ancient Art	
PHL 211 Ancient Philosophy	
UH 244 Antiquity to Modernity	
Select Greek or Latin language electives (100 level or above)	
Total Hours	33

Footnotes

¹ Students must complete a foreign language sequence from 101-202 in either Latin or Greek.

French Track

Code and Title	Hours
Required Courses	
FR 201 or Intermediate French	3
FR 211 Honors Intermediate French I	
FR 202 or Intermediate French	3
FR 212 Honors Intermediate French II	
Select FR 321, FR 323 or FR 328 and one of the following not already taken:	6
FR 321 Writing and Imagination	
FR 322 Advanced French Grammar	
FR 323 Writing and Analysis	

FR 324	FR Culture and Language	
FR 325	Cultures and Conversations	
FR 328	French Conversation-Abroad	
FR 339	French Civilization-Abroad	
FR 341	Survey Fr Literature I ¹	3
FR 351	Survey Fr Literature II ¹	3
FR 421 or	Pronunciation & Phonetics	3
FR 484	Adv Conversn Phonetics	
Select two of the following: ⁶		6
FR 331	French Civilization ²	
FR 339	French Civilization-Abroad	
FR 361	Intro Romance Linguistic	
FR 424	Globalization, Mktg & Comm.	
FR 431	Contemp French Civilization ²	
FR 441	Page & Stage	
FR 461	French Linguistics	

Credit Hours Subtotal: 27

Electives

Select six hours of FR electives 200 level and above	6
Credit Hours Subtotal:	6

Total Hours 33

Ancillary Courses

Grades in ancillary courses are not computed into the major GPA. The track in French requires the successful completion of the following courses:

FR 101 Elementary French I	8
& FR 102 and Elementary French II ³	

Footnotes

¹ With approval, three hours of topic appropriate FR 470 Undergrad Sem In French (Literature) or FR 480 Special Topics (in French Literature) may substitute for, either FR 341 Survey Fr Literature I or FR 351 Survey Fr Literature II, but not both.

² With approval, three hours of topic appropriate FR 470 Undergrad Sem In French (Civilization or Linguistics) or FR 480 Special Topics (Civilization or Linguistics) may substitute for either FR 331 French Civilization or FR 431 Contemp French Civilization, but not both.

³ Or proficiency or placement.

German Track

Code and Title	Hours
Required Courses	
Select one of the following:	8
GN 101 Elementary German I & GN 102 and Elementary German II	
GN 103 Accelerated Elementary German ¹	
GN 201 Intermediate German I	3
GN 202 Intermediate German II	3
GN 361 or Interm Convers Comp I	3
GN 362 Interm Convers Comp II	
GN 371 Gn Cult Civil Thru 1832	3
GN 372 Germn Cult Civ 1832-Present	3
GN 403 or Undergraduate Seminar	3
GN 404 Undergraduate Seminar	
Credit Hours Subtotal:	26

Electives

Select three hours of GN electives ²	3
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German Literature

Select one of the following:	3
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GN 250	Germanic Mythology	
GN 260	Holocaust In Film & Lit	
GN 264	German Literature Translatn I	
GN 265	German Lit In Translatn II	
GN 403	Undergraduate Seminar	
GN 404	Undergraduate Seminar	
Or other German literature course with departmental approval		

Total Hours	32
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Footnotes

¹ Students taking GN 103 Accelerated Elementary German are required to take additional GN coursework to satisfy the 32 hour requirement for the German major.

² A total of four hours in GN 205 Living German House I and GN 206 Living German House II may be applied to the 32 required hours in the major.

Greek Track

Code and Title	Hours
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Required Courses

GR 101	Beginning Greek I	3
GR 102	Beginning Greek II	3
GR 201	Intermediate Greek I	3
GR 202	Intermediate Greek II	3
GR 301	Advanced Greek I	3
GR 302	Advanced Greek II	3
GR 490	Adv Greek Literature	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		21

Select one of the following:

CL 323 or	Alexander the Great,Then & Now	3
CL 385	History Of Greece	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		3

Select 9 hours from among the following 9

ARH 351	Ancient Art	
CL 222	Greek Roman Mythology	
CL 323	Alexander the Great,Then & Now	
CL 350	Roman Religion	
CL 386	History Of Rome	
CL 380	Special Topics	
CL 365	Greece & Rome in Lit. & Film	
CL 333	Greek Civilization	
PHL 211	Ancient Philosophy	
Latin language electives on the 100 level or above		
Greek language electives on the 400 level or above		
Credit Hours Subtotal:		9

Total Hours	33
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Footnotes

¹ Or proficiency or placement.

Italian Track

Code and Title	Hours
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Required Courses

IT 101	Introductory Italian I (or)	4
IT 105	Honors Introductory Italian I	
IT 102	Introductory Italian II	4
IT 201	Intermediate Italian I	3
IT 202	Intermediate Italian II	3
IT 353	Italian Conversation	3
IT 356	Adv Grammar Composition	3
IT 364	IT Lit: Medieval to Modern	3
IT 380	Special Topics	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		26

Select two of the following:

IT 323	Introduction to Italian Cinema	
IT 361	Intro Romance Linguistic	
IT 480	Undergraduate Seminar	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		6

Other IT electives permissible, and Italian related coursework may apply with advisor approval.

Total Hours	32
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Latin Track

Code and Title	Hours
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LA 101	Elementary Latin I	3
LA 102	Elementary Latin II	3
LA 201	Intermed Latin Read I	3
LA 202	Intermed Latin Read II	3
LA 301	Survey Lit Roman Republ	3
LA 302	Survey Lit Of Empire	3
CL 386	History Of Rome	3
LA 490	Readings In Latin Literature	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		24

Select 9 hours from the following: 9

ARH 351	Ancient Art	
CL 222	Greek Roman Mythology	
CL 323	Alexander the Great,Then & Now	
CL 333	Greek Civilization	
CL 350	Roman Religion	
CL 365	Greece & Rome in Lit. & Film	
CL 380	Special Topics	
CL 385	History Of Greece	
CL 498	Honors Research in Classics I	
CL 499	Honors Research in Classics 2	
PHL 211	Ancient Philosophy	
UH 244	Antiquity to Modernity	

Greek language electives on the 100 level and above

Latin language electives on the 400 level or above	
Credit Hours Subtotal:	9

Total Hours	33
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The interesting thing about the study of any field of foreign languages or classics is that, far from limiting a student's career choices, it actually expands them. Instead of being tied to one particular technical skill, learners have a broad and unique understanding of the human condition and have developed an appreciation for the precision and power of language. Most careers are open to students because employers and recruiters realize and appreciate the rigor and difficulty of the degree itself.

Types of Jobs Accepted

Many of our graduates in foreign languages and classics go on to professional schools or advanced degrees in their own areas at well known universities around the country and abroad. Since 1995, classics has had a 100% acceptance rate for those who have applied for medical school. We have sent students to prestigious law schools. Some students have completed advanced study in Library Science or English/TESOL, while others have entered various areas in the private and public sectors.

Jobs of Experienced Alumni

Foreign languages and literature graduates have jobs in a variety of areas in the private and public sectors, including all levels of education and educational administration, in print and other areas of media, law, diplomacy, auto industry, high tech fields and in many other areas. Competitive employers acknowledge the advantages of hiring those who can understand and communicate with a greater number of people.

Classics graduates have gone to seminary and then on into the ministry. Several have gone on to MBA programs and graduated at the top of their class and now work in major businesses. Others have continued in classics and received a PhD and now teach in colleges here and in England. One student works for the Navy in Chicago, following a passion of hers, mapping and geography. The possibilities are endless!

Learn more about opportunities in this field at the Career Center