



The Advisor Advocate

Foreign Language: Linguistic and Career Benefits

IUP has multiple options for professional development in a number of languages. In addition to learning to read, write, and speak in another language, there are a number of department-sponsored opportunities to study abroad.

IUP language programs are amazing; for example, the Spanish department is a 3-time nationally recognized Teacher Education program! They have 100% placement for those wishing to teaching K-12!

There are multiple ways for students to develop their skills:

Certificate in Spanish, Chinese, French, German, and Japanese. Students earn an internationally recognized credential denoted on one's transcript with an official proficiency rating.

Minor in Spanish, French, and German. Minors are only 18 credits and allow for continued language and culture study.

Major in Spanish, French, or German

Dual majoring in a language and one's intended field is a great way to increase one's skills and marketability.

Using what you got!

What to do with one's language experience?

Native and heritage speakers, those who already have language proficiency, take a placement test to determine their starting level. The goal is to place students in a class where they will learn new skills.

Placement tests should be taken during Summer Orientation.

Credits for language requirements can be earned through [ACE](#) or [CLEP](#) testing, or by transferring AP credits when enrolling.

Transfer students should contact Dr. McCreary, the department head with further questions or concerns.

SPAN/FRNC/GRMN 101 is for students with no background, or less than 2 years of language study.



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Wussten Sie schon? Le savez-vous?

Did you know?

Need for Language Skills

¿Sabías qué?

9 out of 10 U.S employers rely on language skills other than English

56% say language demands will increase in the next 5 years

47% state a need for language skills exclusively for the domestic market

1 in 3 language-dependent U.S employers report a language skills gap

1 in 4 U.S employers lost business due to a lack of language skills (*American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language, 2019*)

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