

Foreign Language

The following two new courses have been added beginning Spring 2005 —

Arabic 101 and Fulani 101.

Mastery of Arabic and/or Fulani languages is an asset for those seeking positions in foreign service, the National Security Agency (NSA), the FBI, or homeland security. Credits earned will fulfill graduation requirements at DSU.

Contact Dr. Nwosu at 302-857-6595 for more information.

The objectives of the Foreign Language Department are to: develop cross-cultural understanding and the ability to communicate effectively in the language, to provide career-related language skills, and to prepare majors for graduate studies and/or teacher certification.

TEACHING MAJOR: Language majors seeking state certification to teach in secondary schools must take forty-two (42) credits of foreign language: FL 201, 202, 203, 222, 301, 303, 304, 305, 306, 333, 334, 401, 406, 499. They must also take: Psychology 201, 204, 316; Education 204, 309, 313, 318, 322, 355, 411, 412 and History 104. All course work must be completed prior to student teaching. Teaching majors are encouraged to minor in a second language. See the Curriculum pages for the sequence in which courses should be taken.

NON-TEACHING MAJORS: A total of thirty-nine (39) credit hours are required in FL 201, 202, 222, 301, 303, 304, 305, 306, 333, 334, 401, 406, 499. See the Curriculum page for the sequence in which courses should be taken.

AREA OF CONCENTRATION: Education majors who select an area of concentration in French or Spanish are required to take the following twenty-four (24) credits: 201, 202, 203, 222, 242, 305 or 306, 334 and Methods 407 for K-8 Certification, or 409 for Secondary certification.

MINOR: For a minor in French or Spanish, twenty four (24) hours are required: 201, 202, 222, 242, 305, 306, 334, and a 300 level or above literature course.

BILINGUAL CERTIFICATE/NON-CERTIFICATE PROFESSIONAL COURSES: (See Departmental Offerings as listed)

INDEPENDENT STUDY: Independent Study option is for students who hold Junior or Senior level status or teachers who wish to pursue a special interest topic within the discipline of Foreign Languages under the guidance of a Foreign Language faculty member. Course requirements include but are not limited to regular conferences with the faculty member, reading assignments, and completion of a comprehensive project or a 10-page research paper in the language of study for 399 and a 15-page research paper in the language of study for 499. Students must sign a contract agreeing to the course work requirements and must obtain the signatures of the consenting faculty member and of the Chairperson of the Department of Foreign Languages. FL 399 and 499 are the designated courses for Independent Study. FL 499 may also be taken for graduate credit.

COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP): Any student who has completed two or more high school units of a foreign language is encouraged to take the CLEP exam. The department has established a policy as to the number of credits that can be awarded. The policy is as follows:

1. Foreign Language majors may be awarded up to 12 credits.
2. Non-majors who are required to take 12 hours of a foreign language may be awarded up to 9 credits.
3. Non-majors who are required to take 6 hours of a foreign language may be awarded up to 3 credits.

ORAL PROFICIENCY INTERVIEWS: Any student who has successfully passed a recognized Oral Proficiency exam such as the American Council on Teaching Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) may be awarded credit as follows:

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1. Foreign Language majors may be awarded up to 9 credits.
2. Non-majors may be awarded up to 6 credits.

WAIVERS: The Department will consider a waiver of the prerequisite for a course when the student submits a request in writing and demonstrates proficiency in the area covered by the prerequisite.

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