Why Study Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at UMD?

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND DEGREES IN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES combine language learning and cultural study with opportunities for community engagement, professional development and study abroad. You’ll gain an international perspective on big ideas in literary and cultural history while learning to think imaginatively across disciplinary and cultural lines. Our classes emphasize purposeful communication, allowing you to become a proficient multilingual thinker, writer and speaker. Recent graduates are applying their skills and knowledge to fields as diverse as journalism, advertising, architecture, law, environmental science and medicine.

SLLC CURRICULUM

The School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures offers degree programs and courses that bring an international perspective to a vast range of subject areas, including film and popular culture, gender and sexuality, poetry and fiction, translation and linguistics. Our students develop language skills while exploring the worlds of speakers of Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish, as well as questions surrounding language learning itself. Many of the majors are flexible, allowing students to pursue a variety of interests and to combine their study with other majors and minors.

SAMPLE COURSE TITLES

- Egyptian Pop Culture
- Riots, Rebellions and Revolutions in 18th Century French Literature and Culture
- Ethnicity and Diversity in China
- Spanish for Heritage Speakers
95% of recent ARHU graduates are either working full time, interning or pursuing graduate studies. Here’s where some of our SLLC graduates are working or studying:

- Center for Advanced Study of Language, Research Assistant
- Casa de Maryland, Field Director
- French Government TAPIF Program, Teaching Assistant
- U.S. Department of State, Contract Specialist
- Minikon Law, Spanish Interpreter
- Duke University, Business and Management
- George Washington University, Medicine
- Stanford University, Political Science
- University of Georgia, Linguistics

“Lauren Fe dewa ‘15, German
Holocaust Survivor Project
Developer, Jewish Social Service Agency, Americorps VISTA

“My experience as a German major prepared me for the next steps in my career by giving me a headstart in analyzing and conducting research on primary source documents written in German. Without this skill, I would not be able to pursue a master’s and doctorate in modern German history.”

It’s never too early to start planning for your career after graduation. Make an appointment to talk with the University Career Center @ARHU where we’ll work with you to assess your skills, values and interests and use them to help find opportunities that meet your goals. Academic and career advisors will work with you to incorporate internships, living and learning programs, global experiences, research and more into your academic plan. Research shows that having one or more internships drastically increases your ability to land a full-time position upon graduation. Learn more at careers.umd.edu.