

Bachelor of Arts, Majors and Minors

LANGUAGES AND CULTURE (Romance Languages)

A Minor is offered

Note: VIU also offers a Bachelor of Science, Minor in Languages & Culture (Romance Languages) and a Post Degree-Diploma in Languages and Culture (Romance Language).

General Description

The B.A. - Minor in Languages and Culture (Romance Languages) is designed to serve a variety of students whose overall program or career plans require or benefit from a strong grounding in another language or culture: not only B.Ed students, but also History, Anthropology, Global Studies, Liberal Studies, Business, Recreation and Tourism, etc. There is an identified need for people with second language skills in a wide variety of employment areas such as primary and secondary education, research, business, tourism, fisheries, forestry and other federal government services.

Students may choose to do concentrations in French or Spanish, and in either concentration may also choose any of the following cultural related courses: LANG 240, 417, 470, and 471; SPAN 310 and 311. The program's strong interdisciplinary framework allows students to not only work in both French and Spanish, but also to include work from other departments. Students may also apply upper-level field school or exchange program credits to their minor, something that is often limited to language majors. The program is distinct (no other comparable Romance Languages Minor in BC), yet consistent with VIU's overall emphasis on global perspectives and multidisciplinary programs.

Requirements for a Minor

Students must fulfill all the Institutional B.A. degree requirements, including Degree English Requirements and courses listed below:

French Concentration

Years 1 and 2: A minimum 'C+' average in 12 credits of first and second year French, or equivalent (French Immersion 12). Required courses: FRCH 121, 122, 221, 222, and either FRCH 230 or LANG 240. **Note:** Students without French 12 must take FRCH 100/101 and/or FRCH 110 to meet the prerequisite for FRCH 121. (prerequisite for FRCH 121 is French 12, a 'B' in FRCH 101 or FRCH 110).

Spanish Concentration

Years 1 and 2: A minimum 'C+' average in 12 credits of first and second year Spanish, or equivalent. (Native Spanish speakers should consult with the department regarding eligibility). Required courses: SPAN 100, 101, 200, 201, and either SPAN 230 or LANG 240.

Concentrations

Years 3 and 4:

French Concentration	Spanish Concentration
FRCH 300 and 301 and:	SPAN 300 and 301 and:
12 credits of courses pertinent to the specialization chosen from among the following: FRCH 320 - French Normative Phonetics FRCH 330 - Development of the Novel in French FRCH 437 - Special Topics in French Literature FRCH 447 - Special Topics in French Language LANG 417 - Special Topics in Romance Culture LANG 470/471 - Translation Theory I/II SPAN 310 - Spanish Culture to 1500 SPAN 311 - Spanish Culture 1500 to Present	12 credits of courses pertinent to the specialization chosen from among the following: SPAN 310 - Spanish Culture to 1500 SPAN 311 - Spanish Culture 1500 to Present SPAN 330 - Hispanic Literature and Literary Analysis SPAN 331 - Hispanic Poetry and Poetic Analysis LANG 417 - Special Topics in Romance Culture LANG 470/471 - Translation Theory I/II

Note 1: Students may apply up to 6 credits of upper-level courses outside the Modern Languages department that are clearly relevant to the student's specialization, such as ENGL 405 - Pan-American Studies, LING 350 - Linguistics and the Dimensions, LBST 420 - Issues in Western Culture IV (counts as 3 credits).

Other courses may also apply; consult with the Minor Program Coordinator for specific course approval. (Students may not count any course for required credit, in more than one program).

Note 2: Students may also apply up to 9 credits from a field school or exchange program with approval from the Department.

Post Degree-Diploma in Languages and Culture (Romance Languages)

Program Length

33 credits related to the language of specialization; 1 - 4 years

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The Program

The Languages and Culture (Romance Languages) Post-Degree Diploma offers students who have completed a Bachelor's degree (e.g. Bachelor of Education), the opportunity to document their completion of the Minor requirements outside their Bachelor's program. It will be awarded with or subsequent to a Bachelor's degree.

The Languages and Culture (Romance Languages) Post-Degree Diploma has the same course requirements, learning outcomes, and evaluation procedures as the B.A. Minor.

Career Opportunities

There is an identified need for people with second language skills in a wide variety of employment areas such as primary and secondary education, research, business, tourism, fisheries, forestry and other federal government services.

Admission Requirements

This program is designed for students who have recognized Bachelor's degrees and wish to complete the equivalent of a language minor. New students will be placed in language courses according to ability, experience, and previous education. Native French and Spanish speakers should consult with the department regarding eligibility.

Program Regulations

Students must obtain a minimum "C+" average in all required first and second year courses, and then complete 18 credits of upper-level courses related to their language of specialization.

Start Date and Application Deadline

Entry is ongoing and applications are accepted throughout the academic year. Students must have a recognized Bachelor's degree to enter the Post Degree Diploma program.

Graduation Requirements

Successful completion of the required courses (33 credits related to the language of specialization).

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Note 2: Students may also apply up to 9 credits from a field school or exchange program with approval from the Department.

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