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LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

Do you like to challenge yourself? Do you love to travel? Do you enjoy working closely with diverse groups of people? If so, then a degree in a language or culture might be perfect for you. Graduates with a strong grasp of global cultures and languages are in high demand in many industries.

The University of Minnesota offers great academics, great opportunities, and a great metropolitan location to students interested in languages and cultures. Whether through academic programs, student groups, elective courses, or community events, it seems students can experience every region, culture, and language right on our vibrant campus.

Great Academics

Imagine learning in state-of-the-art facilities, under the direction of world-renowned faculty. If the world's diverse cultures and languages appeal to you, check out the following degree programs offered by the College of Liberal Arts (CLA).

- African American and African Studies
- American Indian Studies
- American Studies
- Ancient Mediterranean Studies
- Ancient Near Eastern Studies
- Asian American Studies (Minor)
- Asian Languages and Literatures
- Austrian and Central European Studies (Minor)
- Biblical Studies (Minor)
- Chicano Studies
- Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology
- Classical Civilization
- Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature
- Dutch Studies (Minor)
- East Asian Studies (Minor)
- French and Italian Studies
- French Studies
- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Studies
- German Studies
- Greek
- Hebrew
- Italian Studies
- Japanese
- Jewish Studies
- Latin
- Latin American Studies (Minor)
- Linguistics
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Russian Area Studies (Minor)
- Scandinavian Languages and Finnish
- South Asian and Middle Eastern Area Studies (Minor)
- Spanish-Portuguese Studies
- Spanish Studies
- Speech-Language-Hearing Science



The U of M offers courses in over 30 foreign languages, bringing the world's cultures to students from all degree programs:

- American Sign Language
- Akkadian
- Arabic
- Aramaic
- Chinese
- Coptic
- Chippewa
- Dakota
- Danish
- Dutch
- Finnish
- French
- German
- Greek (Biblical and Classical)
- Greek (Modern)
- Hebrew (Biblical and Modern)
- Hindi
- Hmong
- Icelandic
- Irish
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Latin
- Marathi
- Norwegian
- Ojibwe
- Old Norse
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Sanskrit
- Spanish
- Sumerian
- Swahili
- Swedish
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

CAREER AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

An increasingly global society demands educated workers with a high level of cultural understanding. Careers in the language and culture fields include:

- Counselor (Higher education)
- English as a Second Language Teacher
- High School Teacher
- International Students Director (Higher education)
- Interpreter/Translator
- Librarian
- Professor
- Social Worker
- Speech and Hearing Therapy Supervisor
- Speech and Language Pathologist

Great Opportunities

Study Abroad

To prepare you for life in a global society, the U of M encourages studying abroad. Working or learning in a foreign country will build your skills, confidence, and cultural awareness as you enter a diverse world. The Learning Abroad Center offers more than 300 programs in 67 countries, from Nepal or Tanzania to Australia or Mexico.

Freshman Seminars

Designed to enhance your first-year experience, Freshman Seminars are an incredible way to begin your academic career at the University of Minnesota. You'll learn from some of our most distinguished faculty, while getting to know other first-year students who share your interests. Recent topics offered by CLA include *Forensic Taker Identification*; *Hmong Life in America*; *Language Through the Body*; *The Many Faces of Frida Kahlo: Life, Art, and Myth*; and *American Dream: The Immigrant Experience*.

LANGUAGE CONNECTIONS

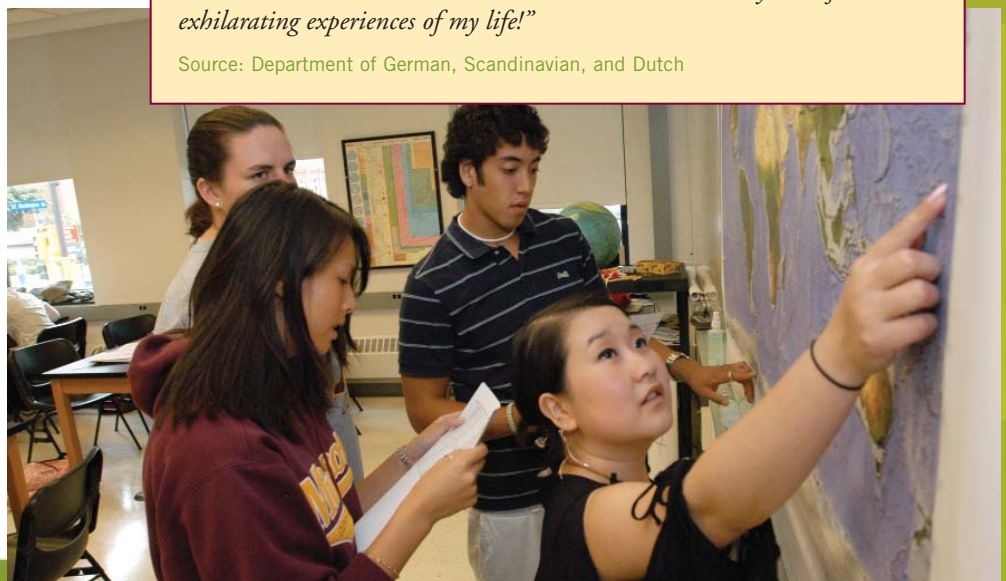
Martha Weir grew up in a small farming community in central Illinois. At age 17, she knew she needed to see a different part of the world and find a place where she could express herself more freely through art. She hoped to go to Australia with an exchange program, but when there weren't any openings, she opted for Sweden. The experience changed her life. "Going to Sweden opened up the walls for me. I was no longer chastised for doing art, and I felt I could go in any direction." After the year in Sweden, she chose to come to the University of Minnesota, where she could continue to learn Swedish and also pursue her artistic interests in film studies.

As a first-year student in the department of German, Scandinavian, and Dutch (GSD), Martha found the small class sizes, the one-on-one attention from faculty, and the opportunities to work on special projects to be enormously helpful in adjusting to college life.

"My Swedish class was really a comfortable, safe place to go. My instructor took me under her wing and helped me focus on things I was interested in, like using my film skills to integrate more multi-media into a Web site for an advanced Swedish course. She also arranged for me to earn college credit for teaching Swedish to children on Saturday mornings at the Swedish American Institute."

Always eager to return to Scandinavia, Martha has avidly pursued scholarship opportunities to study abroad. In 2000, she received a scholarship for a summer language camp in Axevalla, Sweden, and during summer 2002, she explored Reykjavik with GSD's Modern Icelandic course. These were not only fabulous opportunities to strengthen her language skills, but as Martha comments, "With six weeks of non-stop mental and physical stimulation, the summer course in Modern Icelandic was easily one of the most exhilarating experiences of my life!"

Source: Department of German, Scandinavian, and Dutch



Mentor Program

The mentor-student partnership brings a “real-world” perspective to your academic program. You’ll learn from seasoned professionals and experience behind-the-scenes realities of your chosen field. Participants get an inside view of companies or organizations in the Twin Cities area.

Research Opportunities

Imagine participating in a research program with world-class experts, and getting paid to do it! This dream is a reality for many U of M students. As a student in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP), you’ll conduct paid research or pursue special projects beyond your regular courses. For example, a recent UROP provided a student with the opportunity to help a CLA faculty member create a Norwegian-English dictionary.

Campus Involvement

Even in the midst of an electric Big Ten atmosphere, the University of Minnesota has an intimate student community. It’s easy to get involved here; we have more than 600 student organizations where you can connect with other students who share your interests. More than 100 of these organizations have a multicultural focus.

Great Location

Consistently ranked among America’s most livable communities, the Twin Cities provide an exciting and comfortable home to University of Minnesota students. Minneapolis and St. Paul are international centers for business, agri-business, medicine, technology, media, and the performing arts. Furthermore, the Twin Cities metro is home to a dazzling variety of cultures and communities.

The University’s location in a major metropolitan area provides unique opportunities for you to learn about and serve people from other cultures. Local organizations include:

- African American Family Services
- Casa de Esperanza
- English Learning Center
- Hmong American Partnership
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas
- Kateri Residence (for American Indian Women)
- Multicultural Living Arts Center of Minnesota
- Somali Community of Minnesota

MEET US IN PERSON!

Like what you see so far? Come meet us in person! There’s no better way to learn about the University of Minnesota. As you tour our breathtaking Twin Cities campus and meet our friendly staff and students, you’ll see for yourself why the U of M is the perfect place to launch your career. We’d be happy to customize your visit to your interests. Schedule your visit today!

Online: <http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/visit>

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Curious about student life? Check out Gopher Blog at

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