Modern Languages
Bachelor of Arts in French, Italian, Spanish and Modern Languages

Why Should I Major in Modern Languages at Seton Hall?
A major in the Department of Modern Languages gives Seton Hall University students the opportunity for an outstanding liberal arts education by providing an enriching and intellectual development in preparation for careers in a global society. All of the degree programs are designed to develop the student’s ability to use the language of their choice as a means of oral and written communication and to increase cultural understanding. Courses are taught by experts in the field in small classes, which encourages interaction between students and professors. The classroom experience is enhanced by computer-assisted instruction and complemented by our own summer study abroad programs in France, Italy and Spain. Several scholarships to study Italian are available; contact the Italian Studies Program at connelwi@shu.edu or (973) 275-8998 for information. Co-curricular activities are often sponsored by the Joseph A. Unanue Latino Institute and the Slavic Club.

The Curriculum:
The Department of Modern Languages offers courses in five European languages: French, Italian, German, Russian and Spanish. Our programs range from elementary instruction in these languages through advanced courses in culture and literature. Students have the option to choose from the following four majors: French, Italian, Spanish or Modern Languages (that is, a combination of two languages). First- and second-year level courses aim at strengthening students’ language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) through an interactive and communicative teaching approach. Third-year level courses emphasize various aspects of culture (film, music, patterns of civilization, business and popular culture). Courses in literature stress intensive reading and appreciation of representative literary masterpieces as an art form and as a reflection of social and political realities. In addition, students have the option to minor in any of the five languages. Each minor consists of six courses (18 credits) on the intermediate level or higher. An Italian studies minor and a certificate in Russian and East European studies are also available.

What Does It Take to Graduate?
The awarding of a Bachelor of Arts in French, Italian, Spanish or Modern Languages requires a total of 12 to 14 courses (36 to 42 credits) on the intermediate level or above, depending on the level of initial placement. Students must also complete the College of Arts and Sciences core requirements.

Career Opportunities:
Most careers are enhanced and opportunities increased by the knowledge of languages, particularly in our present globalized culture and economy. Areas that our graduates have found particularly rewarding are law, education, diplomacy, government, Peace Corps, industry and commerce, arts, media, entertainment, travel and tourism.
A bachelor’s degree in the modern languages is an excellent foundation for graduate school. Opportunities for continued study include elementary, secondary and higher education; government; diplomacy; law; and business.

How Do I Apply for Admission?
Complete your application to Seton Hall University and include the $55 non-refundable application fee ($45 if applying online). Freshman applicants must submit official high school transcripts and any college or university transcripts where credit was attempted, plus the results of the SAT or ACT assessments. Transfer students must submit transcripts from each college or university where credit was attempted. Those with fewer than 24 earned credits must complete the freshman requirements. Applications are available at admissions.shu.edu.

Can I Get Financial Aid?
Almost 90 percent of the students who entered Seton Hall last year received some form of financial aid, and 75 percent of these students received money directly from the University. The four types of financial aid include scholarships, grants and discounts, loans, and part-time jobs on campus. For further information, visit admissions.shu.edu/FinancialAid.htm or call (973) 761-9332.
French, Italian, Spanish and Modern Language Requirements:

Core Curriculum Requirements*
A. English Language (6 credits)
B. Communication (3 credits)
C. Mathematics (3 credits and prerequisites)
D. Natural Sciences (6 credits) and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)
E. Western Civilization (6 credits), Foreign Language (6 credits) and American Civilization/African, Asian and Latino Civilizations/Foreign Literature/Advanced Language (6 credits)
F. Ethical Questions (3 credits)
G. Philosophy and Religious Studies (9 credits)
* Please see Undergraduate Catalogue

Major in French, Italian, Spanish or Modern Languages — 36-42 credits, including:

Intermediate I-II, courses numbered 1101-1102, (or 2401-2402 for Spanish heritage learners) — 6 credits
(may be waived by placement examination, Project Acceleration or AP credits)

Advanced I-II, courses numbered 1201-1202 (or 2502-2502 for Spanish heritage learners) — 6 credits

Language, culture, or literature electives above the advanced level: students may choose from courses in conversation, film, special topics, civilization, business, or literature (courses numbered above 2000) 24-30 credits
(six credits may be waived for secondary majors)

Minor in French, German, Italian, Russian or Spanish — 18 credits above the elementary level, including:

Intermediate I and II, 1101-1102 (or 2401-2402 for heritage learners) — 6 credits

Advanced I and II, 1201-1202 (or 2501-2502 for heritage learners) — 6 credits

Language, culture, or literature courses above the 2000 level (Students may choose from courses in film, special topics, civilization, business or literature) — 6 credits

Degree Requirements: 130 total credit hours
Students can minor or double major in any of the College of Arts and Sciences disciplines.

Certificate in Russian and East European Studies Program — 30 credits, including:

Language Requirement (12 credits)
RUSS 1001-1002 Elementary Russian I-II
RUSS 1101-1102 Intermediate Russian I-II

Area of Study Courses (15 credits)
Students must elect 15 credits from the list of courses provided in the Undergraduate Catalogue. Six of these credits must come from disciplines other than a student’s major.

Essay Requirement (3 credits)
A program essay (equivalent to a senior paper) must be submitted on a topic approved by the director and written under the supervision of a faculty member involved in the program.

Italian Studies Minor — 21 Credits
* Please see Undergraduate Catalogue for a list of required and elective courses.

For more information, call an admissions counselor at 1-800-THE-HALL, send an e-mail to thehall@shu.edu or visit admissions.shu.edu. To talk to a faculty adviser, contact Daniel Zalacain, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Modern Languages, at zalacada@shu.edu or (973) 761-9464. Web site: artsci.shu.edu/modlang

Seton Hall University is a major Catholic university. In a diverse and collaborative environment it focuses on academic and ethical development. Seton Hall students are prepared to be leaders in their professional and community lives in a global society and are challenged by outstanding faculty, an evolving technologically advanced setting and values-centered curricula.

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