# **World Languages and Cultures**

In an increasingly globalized world, language skills and cultural understanding are critical. Studying world languages and culture enhances career opportunities by offering an edge in competitive job markets.



My college program has inspired me to use Spanish to help families like mine communicate more effectively in health-care settings, especially as it relates to mental health."

Gabrielle Rodriguez, Languages and Literatures — Spanish

Create

UMKC is a public, urban university focused on students, research and community service. The opportunities are endless.

#### AT HOME IN KANSAS CITY

Home to many large international corporations, Kansas City offers internships and job opportunities across public, private and government sectors. Graduates are employed at Black and Veatch, the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Garmin International, Kansas City, Missouri, City Hall, the University of Kansas Health System and more.











# **DEGREE OPTIONS**

- » Bachelor of Arts, Languages and Literatures: International Studies emphasis Students may combine with a language minor
- » Bachelor of Arts, Languages and Literatures: Spanish emphasis
- » Bachelor of Arts, Languages and Literatures: French emphasis

#### MINOR OPTIONS

- » Classics
- » French
- » German Studies
- » Spanish

#### **GRADUATE-LEVEL OPTIONS**

» Master of Arts, Romance Languages (French or Spanish)

#### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

- » Attorney
- » Civil service employee
- » Consultant
- » Dentistry
- » Diplomat
- » ESL instructor
- » Film producer/film translator
- » Immigration officer
- » Interpreter/translator
- » Journalist
- » Linguist
- » Museum curator
- » Nurse research coordinator
- » Physician
- » Professor
- » Project administrator

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# **ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT**

The UMKC World Languages and Cultures Department offers academic and career advising tailored to individual needs with small classes, innovative teaching and nationally and internationally known faculty.

- » Our faculty are internationallyrecognized experts on the cultures of Latin America, Spain, France and Francophonie member nations, whose research ranges from gender and Holocaust studies to science fiction and graphic novels.
- » Students have gone on to attend graduate programs at American Universities in Washington, D.C., Chicago, Colorado, Florida, as well as the University of Ottawa, Canada and the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain.

## **GET INVOLVED**

World Languages and Cultures
Department students are involved in
a number of student and professional
organizations including the UMKC Global
Languages Club.

The department offers internship opportunities with school districts, nonprofits and health care providers

Each semester, the World Languages and Cultures Department collaborates with the Multicultural Student Affairs Office and others to bring lecturers, music, poetry performers and other cultural events to campus.

## **STUDY ABROAD**

Explore the world, practice foreign language skills and earn college credit through faculty-led summer study abroad programs. We offer faculty-led summer programs to Lyon, France, Malaga, Spain and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Other students choose to spend a semester or a year abroad: UMKC's Study Abroad and Global Engagement Office offers hundreds of programs in more than 60 countries. Worried about finding the money to study abroad? UMKC and the World Languages and Cultures Department have several scholarship opportunities that will help make your dreams a reality!



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