



Majoring in a language is much more than just learning that language. Our majors and minors become proficient Spanish, French, Italian, or German readers, writers, and speakers. But we also want our students to become culturally proficient – understanding how the cultures they are studying are different from their own and also celebrating the connections. Our faculty integrates exceptional instruction with a curriculum that incorporates linguistics, literature, culture, and area studies – offering students opportunities to use the language they’re studying in native and near-native settings and with each other.

World Languages and Cultures Majors

The department offers a major in French, Italian, and Spanish, as well as a major in conjunction with the Secondary Education Program in preparation for a career as a foreign language teacher. Many students choose to declare a double major, linking their language major with a major in another field, such as art history, biology, global studies, health policy and management, marketing, political science, and others.

Minors

The department offers a minor in French, German, Italian, and Spanish to complement a major field of study. In addition, specially designed programs of language study can be created to suit the needs of individual students. We also offer several courses in Arabic and Chinese.

The Spanish minor for the Health Professions offers health sciences students a cross cultural, bilingual lens through which to understand and support the healthcare concerns and challenges faced by many non-English speakers in the United States.

Placement Exam

The Department of World Languages and Cultures requires an online placement test for incoming students interested in pursuing the study of French, Italian, or Spanish, and it should be completed prior to May 31 of your incoming year. The test is designed to assess students’ language abilities and to determine which language course students should take.



Explore Courses of Study
and More





PLACES AND PEOPLE

Majors and minors can study abroad in dozens of countries — ranging from Morocco or China to Germany, Italy, and Cuba, and have interned at a variety of organizations.

Our students work closely with faculty who are masters of languages and experts on the literature and culture that define the countries of which they teach about. They hold degrees from institutions that include the University of California, Santa Barbara, Boston University, The Ohio State University, and the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill.

Providence College is regularly recognized as a top producing institution by the Fulbright Program, a flagship international educational exchange program. In 2022, five graduates from PC were selected to receive Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships, a fully funded, year-long immersion experience in another nation.

Selected Places of Employment

AMP Agency • Apple Inc. • Bergstresser & Pollock
 Boston Children's Hospital • Boston Medical Center
 Brigham and Women's Hospital • Guidepoint • HubSpot
 JP Morgan • Liberty Mutual Insurance • Lifespan
 Oracle NetSuite • Providence Community Health Center
 Samuel Christensen Law Firm PLLC
 Sentinel Benefits and Financial Group
 The Leadership Institute • Tufts University
 Elementary/secondary schools throughout
 the U.S. and internationally

Selected Graduate Schools

Boston University • Brown University
 Clemson University • Mente Argentina
 Northeastern University School of Law
 Notre Dame Law School • Providence College
 Seton Hall Law
 Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law
 Suffolk University • Temple University
 University of Connecticut School of Law
 University of Massachusetts Boston
 William James College

93%

of **world languages graduates** are employed or attending graduate school
 (Providence College classes of 2019 – 2023)

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