

Modern Languages Program

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Aims of the Program

Southwestern Adventist University strongly encourages students to study a foreign language. Indeed, foreign language courses are a degree component of all B.A. programs at the University. Southwestern currently offers courses in Chinese, French, and Spanish.

According to the Council on Foreign Relations, education in the United States should focus on languages that will give Americans an economic competitive edge. The top five languages recommended include Chinese and Portuguese.

A second language opens doors to both personal and professional development and can give recent graduates an advantage when seeking employment in both national and international organizations and corporations.

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• Minor in Spanish, Portuguese, French, German, Arabic, Chinese, Italian and Hebrew

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A minor consists of 18 hours, exclusive of the elementary course or its equivalent, 12 hours of which must be upper division and includes 3 hours of literary analysis. Most often requires at least one year abroad.

Adventist Colleges Abroad

The Modern Language Department offers all students, whether majoring in languages or not, the opportunity to study overseas as part of their university education. Normally this can fit into a four-year course of study without losing credits as a result. Southwestern is a member of Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA), administered by the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Through this consortium, students are able to study a language in the actual homeland of that particular language. Overseas campuses affiliated with ACA that provide foreign language instruction include:

- Universidad Adventista del Plata, Argentina (Spanish; academic year only)
- Seminar Schloss Bogenhofen, Austria (German)
- Bahia Adventist College, Brazil (Portuguese)
- Campus Adventiste du Saleve, France (French)
- Friedensau Adventist University, Germany (German; academic year only)
- Istituto Adventista Villa Aurora, Italy (Italian)
- Middle East University, Lebanon (Arabic; academic year only)
- Escuela Superior de Espanol, Spain (Spanish)
- Jerusalem Study Center, Israel (Hebrew; summer only)
- Taiwan Adventist College, Taiwan (Chinese, summer only)

Study overseas is coordinated through the History and Social Science department. More information about application, courses, and logistics is available by visiting aca-noborders.com. The ACA Bulletin is also available at the Records Office and contains a listing of courses offered on each campus.

Modern Languages Classes

CHIN 111: Chinese Language and Culture I

Focuses on cultivating student daily conversation abilities in the following situations: greetings, family, dates and time, hobbies, and visiting friends. Course builds students solid Chinese pronunciation system and introduces Chinese written system in terms of the number and order of character stroking and radicals.

Credits: 4

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Semester Offered: Fall

CHIN 112: Chinese Language and Culture II

Continues to develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills on the novice high level.

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: Completion of CHIN 111 with a grade of C- or better, or approval of the instructor.

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Semester Offered: Spring

CHIN 211: Intermediate Chinese I

This course builds on CHIN 111 and 112, Chinese Language and Culture I and II, and is designed for students who have completed at least one year of Mandarin or equivalent to further develop speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills.

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: Completion of CHIN 112 with a grade of C- or better, or approval of the instructor.

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CHIN 212: Intermediate Chinese II

This course continues to develop speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills.

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: Completion of CHIN 211 with a grade of C- or better, or approval of the instructor.

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SPAN 111: Elementary Spanish I

The sound and sentence patterns of Spanish are learned through drills, dialogues, readings and models, both live and recorded. Includes 1 lab hour.

Credits: 4

Lab Hours: 1

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Semester Offered: Fall

SPAN 112: Elementary Spanish II

The sound and sentence patterns of Spanish are learned through drills, dialogues, readings and models, both live and recorded. Includes 1 lab hour.

Credits: 4

Lab Hours: 1

Prerequisites: [SPAN 111](#) or demonstrated proficiency

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Semester Offered: Spring

SPAN 211: Intermediate Spanish I

A thorough review of Spanish grammar through oral and written composition as well as cultural and literary readings. Attention is given to the history, customs, and traditions of the Spanish-speaking people.

Credits: 3

Lab Hours: 1

Lecture Hours: 3

Prerequisites: [SPAN 112](#) or demonstrated proficiency

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Semester Offered: Fall

SPAN 212: Intermediate Spanish II

A thorough review of Spanish grammar through oral and written composition as well as cultural and literary readings.

Attention is given to the history, customs, and traditions of the Spanish-speaking people.

Credits: 3

Lab Hours: 1

Lecture Hours: 3

Prerequisites: [SPAN 211](#) or demonstrated proficiency

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