

## College of Arts and Sciences – Departments

### Modern and Classical Languages

Endres (COMM) (acting chair); **French** – Dziekowicz; Hartlaub, Pelletier-Skoog, Wagnild; **German** – Fullard, Schons; **Spanish** – Badessich, Feigenbaum, Hundley, Moorman, Raschio, Sandmann, Scham, Tar; Gochberg, Martín-Morán, Milstein, Richmond; **Classics** – Moorman, Preus; **Irish Gaelic** – Moore; **Japanese** – Heberlein; **Russian** – Shambour

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages offers major and minor concentrations in classical languages, French, German, Latin and Spanish, with additional minors in Greek and Japanese. A Russian major and minor and a Japanese major are available through the Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities. In cooperation with the ACTC, courses also are available in Chinese and Italian.

The department also offers major concentrations in language with business (international business – language intensive) and language with English (literary studies).

Students graduating with a major in Classical languages will have acquired a working vocabulary and a knowledge of the structures of Greek and/or Latin adequate to read the works of Greek and/or Latin authors. They will have gained experience in reading major authors in the languages, and will perceive the relationship between the authors and their cultural context.

Students graduating with a major in French will have a solid understanding of the French language and the ability to use the language effectively in speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing. They will have developed the skills necessary for the study, analysis, and interpretation of a wide range of cultural texts, including literary texts.

Students graduating with a major in German will have acquired a command of the German language for use in academic and/or professional life. They will have become acquainted with the culture of the German-speaking countries and with the role these countries and their culture have historically played and continue to play in the world today.

Students graduating with a major in international business – language intensive will be able to demonstrate a command of the appropriate language for use in business and professional life, will understand the historical and cultural development of the countries of that language, and will understand the business practices and economic structure of those countries.

Students graduating with a major in Spanish will have a solid understanding of the Spanish language and the ability to use the language effectively in speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing. They will have developed the skills necessary for the study, analysis, and interpretation of a wide range of cultural texts, including literary texts.

The department also offers courses for the non-major to fulfill the Language and Culture component of the core curriculum.

#### National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society

*Alpha Mu Gamma*, the National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society, was organized at St. Thomas in 1980. The aims of the society are to recognize achievement in the field of foreign language study and to encourage an interest in the study of foreign languages, literatures and civilizations.

*Alpha Mu Gamma* offers membership to outstanding students who have completed a third semester of college study of any modern or classical language. For details on membership consult the Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

#### Teacher Licensure

Elementary Education with a Specialty in World Languages and Cultures (K-8)

World Languages and Cultures (K-12) with a Major in French, German, or Spanish and a Co-major in Secondary Education

*See School of Education Department of Teacher Education*

### Classical Languages

This major engages students in the study of the languages, literatures and cultures of two ancient cultures that have left a lasting impact upon the modern world: classical Greece and Rome. This major prepares students to read both languages, introduces significant works of essential authors, and provides analytical tools for examining the relationship between language and the unique identity of different cultures.

#### Major in Classical Languages

A minimum proficiency in each language at the 211-level for a total of 28 credits in Latin and Greek.

*Plus:*

Twelve additional credits in Latin or Greek, ancient history, ancient philosophy, classical art, mythology, or classical literature in translation.

#### Minor in Classical Languages

Twelve credits in Latin

Twelve credits in Greek