

College of Arts and Sciences – Departments

ECON 348 International Economics
QMCS 110 Introduction to Information Processing and Programming

Plus one of:

MATH 101 Finite Mathematics
MATH 111 Calculus for Business or Social Science
MATH 113 Calculus I

Other recommended courses:

ECON 345 Economics of Development and Growth
ECON 349 Comparative Economic Systems
IDSC 481 Seminar in International Studies
JPST 250 Introduction to Justice and Peace Studies
POL 105 Politics and Government in Comparative Perspective
POL 326 International Law and Organizations
POL 350 Comparative Politics of the New Europe
THEO 325 The Catholic Social Traditions

Irish Gaelic (IRGA)

111 Spoken Modern Irish Gaelic I

Introduction to the pronunciation, structure, and culture of Irish Gaelic by developing basic skills in conversation, writing, and reading. Progress is evaluated through classroom interaction (dialogue, role-playing, oral drills, *etc.*), written assignments, song-learning, and an interview in Irish with the instructor.

112 Spoken Modern Irish Gaelic II

Continuation of 111 with further development of the same skills in conversation, writing, and reading and an expanded awareness of the culture of Irish Gaelic. Progress is evaluated through classroom interaction (dialogue, role-playing, oral drills, *etc.*), written assignments, and a brief presentation in Irish before the class at the end of the semester.

Prerequisite: 111 or equivalent with instructor's approval

211 Spoken Modern Irish Gaelic III

Continuation of 112 with an emphasis on increasing comprehension of, and fluency in, Irish Gaelic. The course will take place in a Gaelic-speaking community in Co. Galway, Ireland at a campus of the National University of Ireland. Students will learn and practice their Gaelic in the classroom and in the community with native speakers. Students will engage the Gaelic culture, history, and traditions at seminars in the late afternoon and evening and on four field trips to locations of literary and cultural importance. Students will be evaluated on the basis of three interviews with their instructor and a third party.

Prerequisite: 112 or equivalent with instructor's approval

Japanese (JAPN)

Courses in Japanese are offered with the assumption that many of the students will be visiting Japan in the near future. Thus, the Japanese program strives to:

1. lay a solid foundation in the areas of speaking, listening, reading and writing. All three writing systems (hiragana, katakana and kanji) are covered.
2. give students basic language skills sufficient to manage day-to-day life in Japan
3. promote interest in Japan, Japanese people, and their culture
4. help students fulfill professional and personal endeavors at an international level
5. eliminate fear of speaking Japanese in front of people.
6. To provide the foundation for earning a major or minor in the language.

Students wishing to major or minor in Japanese may do so by special arrangement with Macalester College and approval of the St. Thomas Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

Minor in Japanese

Completion of 212 or equivalent

Plus:

Eight additional credits selected in consultation with the department adviser

111 Elementary Japanese I

Mastering 46 hiragana alphabets. Introduction to basic sentence structures, particles, polite forms of verbs, and simple kanjis (Chinese characters). Students are encouraged to converse in given situations utilizing whatever has been learned in the class.

Modern and Classical Languages – Irish Gaelic - Japanese - Russian

112 Elementary Japanese II

Continuation of 111. Mastering 46 katakana alphabets. Further study of kanjis. Conjugation of adjectives, plain forms, te-forms. Noun modification. Action-in-progress as well as resultant-state forms of verbs. Main and subordinate clause construction. Daily free speaking in Japanese at simple level.

Prerequisite: 111 or placement test result

211 Intermediate Japanese I

Continuation of 112. Some of the volitional forms, hypothetical forms, and desiderative forms are introduced. Continued study of kanjis. Daily free speaking. Introduction to the use of Japanese word processor.

Prerequisite: 112 or placement test result

212 Intermediate Japanese II

Continuation of 211. Potential forms, transitive-intransitive verbs, respectful-humble forms, giving-receiving verbs, and some more hypothetical forms are introduced. Practice in situational and functional Japanese. Daily free conversation and further study of kanjis are continued.

Prerequisite: 211 or placement test result

Russian (RUSS)

The objectives of the Russian program are to provide students the opportunity:

1. To learn the basics of Russian language for reading and for communicating in everyday situations
2. To acquire an elementary knowledge of the culture of the people using this study of the language – at home or abroad – for purposes of business, government work, teaching, literacy or linguistic studies
3. To provide the foundation for earning a major or minor in the language

Four courses are currently offered (which fulfill the language requirement for the Russian, Central and East European area studies major). Classes meet three periods a week, with a flexible fourth period devoted specifically to oral proficiency taught usually by a native Russian speaker. Students with previous high school study of Russian will be tested for appropriate placement. Students wishing to major or minor in Russian may do so by special arrangement with Macalester College and approval of the St. Thomas ACTC Russian, Central and East European area studies representative.

Major in Russian

Completion of 212 or equivalent

Plus:

Thirty-two additional credits in Russian and related courses, plus a study abroad program in Russia jointly approved by Macalester College and the University of St. Thomas

Minor in Russian

Completion of 212 or equivalent

Plus:

Two advanced Russian language or literature courses

111 Elementary Russian I

Introduction to the Russian sound system and grammar encompassing reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Some exposure to Russian culture. Offered in fall semester.

112 Elementary Russian II

Continuation of 111 with further development of same skills. Offered in spring semester.

Prerequisite: 111 or permission of instructor

211 Intermediate Russian I

Continuation of 112 expanding on the fundamentals, with more emphasis on listening and speaking skills needed in everyday situations in the culture, more reading of authentic short texts of various types. Offered in fall semester.

Prerequisite: 112 or permission of instructor

212 Intermediate Russian II

Further development of skills begun in 211 plus learning to translate and use more advanced grammatical forms (complex verbs of motion, participles, *etc.*) in written and oral presentations. Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be prepared to study in Russia. Offered spring semester.

Prerequisite: 211 or permission of instructor