The Modern Languages and Literatures Department

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Explore our diverse world by studying languages.
Our students grow both intellectually and personally as they explore the world around them through the study of diverse languages, cultures, and literature.

We offer majors, minors and non-degree programs in Modern Languages & Literatures.

French
German
Italian
Spanish
We follow the word-readiness standards from the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).
Our courses offer a diverse curricula in commonly and less commonly taught languages.
Our faculty comes from many different places in the world.

Spain

Germany

Italy
Our faculty comes from many different places in the world.

Perú

Colombia

Venezuela
Our faculty comes from many different places in the world.

Portugal  
Ecuador  
United States of America
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Our students are exposed to diverse enrichment activities.
Field trip to the Opera
Italian Language Courses
MLSP 101, 102, 201, 202

• Italian language students attend Donizetti's opera, *The Elixir of Love* (*L'elisir d'amore*).

• Students talk with Pittsburgh Opera Resident Artist Shannon Jennings.
¡Amore, amore!

Italian Language Courses
MLIT 101, 102, 201, 202 &
MLIT 480w

• Italian language students celebrate February 14th, comparing customs between the United States and Italy.

• Traditions were examined, cards were written and tiramisù was prepared and eaten!
Field Trip to the Latin American Festival
Spanish Language Courses  MLSP 101,102, 201, 202

• Students interact with the Latino community in Pittsburgh.

• Students conduct interviews in Spanish with members of the Latino community.

• Students write food reviews in Spanish as part of their project.
• Students participate in workshops where they learn about the history of this musical genre.

• Students take salsa lessons in a social gathering mingling with faculty members.
Students take advantage of the cultural opportunities offered in the city of Pittsburgh.

Faculty along with their students attend lectures of well-known international writers.

Students develop critical thinking by writing an essay about the event they attended.
Field Trips to local authentic Latin American Restaurants

Spanish Language Courses
MLSP 101, 102, 201, 202

• Students practice ordering food in Spanish.

• Students identify names of food and Latin American dishes studied in class.

• Students write food reviews in Spanish.
Interactive Project Colombia

MLSP 360W Spanish for Business

• Students virtually work with Tentación Rupestre, a female-owned microbusiness in rural Colombia.

• Students research local markets and evaluate the organization’s advertising strategies and internet presence.

• Students conduct a video conference interview with the owner of Tentación Rupestre about the administration, finance, and marketing of the business.

• Students also learn about the pivotal role women play in shaping their communities through small business entrepreneurship in Latin America.
Interaction with Local and Global Business Leaders
MLSP 360W Spanish for Business

**Business Culture in Latin America:**

1. Guest speaker Brent Rondón, Duquesne University SBDC (Manager, Global Business - IMPACT PROJECT - U.S. Exports to Latin America)

2. Students interact with a group of visiting business professionals from different Latin American countries, sponsored by the U.S. State Department project “Entrepreneurs from the Western Hemisphere”.
MLSP 280 Spanish for Health Care Professionals

Students prepare to work in the health field with emphasis on the spoken Spanish Language. Students develop social and cultural awareness towards the Spanish-speaking community.
Activities to improve students’ speaking skills.

- We support the language learning process by organizing informal 'conversation-round tables' in which students improve their speaking skills.

- Practice makes perfect!

Sobremesa
300/400 LEVELS

¡Charlemos!
¡Platiquemos!
¡Conversemos!

... en español

¿Qué?

Having natural and casual conversations is important when learning a new language. Come together with other 300/400-levels Spanish students to chat about interesting topics in Spanish!
Hispanic Heritage Month
Latinos Beyond Reel: Challenging a Media Stereotype

• The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures organized a special screening to discuss stereotypes in film and media.

• Approximately 100 students attended and posed questions to the panel that opened an important discussion.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a special screening of Latinos Beyond Reel: Challenging a Media Stereotype

TUESDAY, OCT. 3  |  7 P.M.  |  104 COLLEGE HALL

A brief presentation and discussion will follow.
Free and open to the public.

A film by Miguel Rivero and Chyng Sun and presented by the Media Education Foundation

Sponsored by:
The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, History Department, Sociology Department and the Events Office of the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts.

“Reveals a relentless, stereotypical, and narrow vision of Latinidad produced by the culture industries.”

ESTEBAN DEL RIO
Associate Professor, Communications Studies
University of San Diego
The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures was invited to speak to the Army Corps of Engineers in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.
Día de los Muertos / Day of the Dead
October - November
Since 2014
• Discussions in Spanish about the meaning of the Day of Dead festivity in Latin America and the United States

• Workshops with hands-on activities

• Community altar installation

• Collaboration with the Gumberg Library and the Spiritan Campus Ministry
Siempre te recuerdo
Papa
Community-Engaged Programs
Community Engagement Programs

... are effective ways to gain language proficiency and learn about culture!

- Hands-on, interactive, collaborative, and fully focused on the Pittsburgh community in order to present the practical reality of learning a foreign language
- Students and professors are committed to engaging weekly with the foreign language community.
- Students gain a better understanding of the foreign language culture, language and society.

Available at the upper level of Spanish and French!
The award-winning program "Reading to Play, Playing to Read," brings together Duquesne students from Spanish for the Health Professionals (MLSP 280), Spanish Conversation and Composition II (MLSP 302W), and children from the Latino community attending Beechwood Elementary School.
Reading to Play, Playing to Read
2018

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018
READING TO PLAY PLAYING TO READ

A Community-Engaged Program, that brings together Duquesne University students & children from Beechwood Elementary School, to READ about health, nutrition and well-being, and PLAY fun roles for you in a magical final performance, all in Spanish!

PLACE: Maurice Falk Mellon Hall - Duquesne University
TIME: 5:00 to 7:00 pm
FOR MORE INFORMATION: osamelerol@duq.edu, martine7@duq.edu

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY
Latino Community Center
PITTSBURGH
This is a program in which college students of Spanish Conversation and Composition I and IIW deliver lessons on basic vocabulary, geography, and cultural features of Spanish-speaking countries to English-speaking preschool children ages 3 to 5 in the YMCA-Duquesne Child Development Center.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARS

Are you a student who loves serving your community?
Do you want to learn more about how to create positive change in the world?

Then don’t miss out on this opportunity to collaborate with our local community while earning money and possibly credits towards your education at Duquesne!

For more information on this course and community immersion opportunity contact dimaggi177@duq.edu
To apply, visit duq.edu/ces
Human Rights Film Series
January - February
Since 2008
Films screened at the series have dealt with a broad spectrum of issues, including the impact of globalization on third-world nations, ethnic warfare, immigration, women's rights, the environment, and fast-food.
2018 Human Rights Film Series

Since 2008, the goal of the film series is to help raise awareness among students, faculty, and the Pittsburgh community of human rights abuses around the world in keeping with University's commitment to social justice, globalism, compassion for the less fortunate, and business ethics.
Study Abroad Programs
Study Abroad Program to Salamanca-Spain

Six weeks June-July

- Resident program director will accompany the group
- Complete immersion into the Spanish language and culture
- Exciting field trips:
  - Madrid
  - Toledo
  - Segovia/Ávila
  - Sevilla - Córdoba
- 201, 202
- 304: Hispanic Studies Abroad
- 327: Spanish Culture + Civilization
- 415: Contemporary Spanish Culture
- 430: Spanish Advanced Communicative Skills
Study Abroad Program to Villa Nazareth, Rome, Italy

- The first and longest-running study abroad program at Duquesne University
- Duquesne University's tuition and fees, room, board, travel expenses, and extracurricular activities are included.
- Exciting field trips to places of cultural and artistic interest
- Students live with host families or on-campus.
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