Foreign Language

Department Goals

To aid students in:
1. gaining knowledge and appreciation of languages other than English; that is, their linguistic structure and the cultures and literatures that make use of these languages;
2. achieving an appropriate level of proficiency in each of the four language skills: understanding, speaking, reading, and writing;
3. reaching some understanding of language as: an important aspect of man’s being created in the image of God, and as a basic means of expressing God’s love and salvation in a meaningful and personal way.

Graduation Requirement in Language

Proficiency in one year of an elementary-level foreign language is required for the core curriculum. The language requirements for specific major programs should be checked with the department involved. International students for whom English is a second language should contact the Foreign Language department to request exemptions.

Study Abroad

Students electing to study abroad for a semester or summer in an approved program of study after the intermediate level or higher will receive credit for FRE 202, GER 202 or SPA 202 toward the minor in the language, with the remaining minimal three courses at the 300-level. Two 300-level courses must be taken on the Covenant College campus by all students desiring a minor.

A study abroad student typically continues enrollment at Covenant College, paying fees and receiving financial aid or scholarship monies in a normal fashion as though studies were continued on campus. The College then takes the sum of money due to the program and distributes the money in its entirety. Any remaining balance is the responsibility of the student. However, certain valid and approved study abroad programs do not appear in the listing of the Christian Coalition of Colleges and Universities (CCCU) which Covenant College uses as a guideline for study abroad programs. In such cases, a student may choose to temporarily de-enroll from Covenant College for the semester of study abroad, losing the College’s financial aid and scholarship monies*, and pay the fees of the program on his own. Once the student returns to Covenant with credit gained from the overseas program, the aid and scholarship packages will be reinstated as close as possible, according to federal guidelines, to their previous amounts before the semester abroad.

*Maclellan Scholars will retain their monies.

Requirements for Minor in French
Upper division (300+level) French electives .................... 12

Requirements for Minor in German
Upper division (300+level) German electives .................... 12

Requirements for Minor in Spanish
Upper division (300+level) Spanish electives.................... 12

French Courses

All students who have already begun French in high school and who wish to fulfill the foreign language graduation requirement by taking French will be placed by an examination given at the beginning of the semester.

101-102. Elementary French I, II
An introduction to the French language, with extensive practice in pronunciation, simple conversation, aural comprehension, fundamentals of grammar, and reading short passages. Basic sentence patterns and grammatical principles will be reinforced through a great many oral and written activities and exercises. Aspects of French culture will also be explored. Laboratory fee $5 each semester. Four units each.

201-202. Intermediate French I, II
Continued development of skills in speaking, understanding, reading, and writing French through an extensive study of grammar, selected readings, conversational practice, vocabulary development, and the writing of simple compositions. Aspects of French culture will also be explored. Prerequisite: FRE 102. Three units each.

310. French Conversation
Instruction is given in speaking and understanding French in a variety of social and professional situations. Prerequisite: FRE 202. Three units.

315. Advanced French Conversation and Reading Practice
Extensive conversation and vocabulary practice on a wide variety of topics, correlated with readings of both a journalistic and a literary nature. Prerequisite: FRE 202. Three units. ‘S’
320. French Phonetics and Diction
A detailed study of fine points of pronunciation with extensive oral/aural practice to develop a more correct pronunciation and accent. Prerequisite or to be taken concurrently: FRE 202. Laboratory fee $5. Three units.

340. Advanced French Grammar and Composition
A study of fine points of grammar with extensive written practice, including the writing of essays, to develop facility in expressing oneself correctly in written form. Prerequisite: FRE 202. Three units. ‘W’

351. French Literature I
Reading and discussion of a selected series of literary works and authors from the Middle Ages to the end of the eighteenth century to develop an enjoyment in reading literature in the original French and an appreciation for the richness and variety of literature. Prerequisite: FRE 202. Three units. ‘W’

352. French Literature II
Reading and discussion of a selected series of literary works and authors from the nineteenth century to develop an enjoyment in reading literature in the original French and an appreciation for the richness and variety of literature. Prerequisite: FRE 202. Three units. ‘W’

353. French Literature III
Reading and discussion of a selected series of literary works and authors from the twentieth century to develop an enjoyment in reading literature in the original French and an appreciation for the richness and variety of literature. Prerequisite: FRE 202. Three units. ‘W’

German Courses

101-102. Elementary German I, II
An introduction to the German language with extensive practice in pronunciation, simple conversation, aural comprehension, fundamentals of grammar, and reading short passages. Basic sentence patterns and grammatical principles will be reinforced through a great many oral and written activities and exercises. Aspects of German culture will also be explored. Laboratory fee $5 each semester. Four units each.

201-202. Intermediate German I, II
Continued development of skills in speaking, understanding, reading, and writing German through an extensive study of grammar, selected readings, conversational practice, vocabulary development, and the writing of simple compositions. Aspects of German culture will also be explored. Prerequisite: GER 102. Three units each.

310. German Conversation
Instruction is given in speaking and understanding German in a variety of social and professional situations. Prerequisite: GER 202. Three units.

315. Advanced German Conversation and Reading Practice
Extensive conversation and vocabulary practice on a wide variety of topics, correlated with readings of both a journalistic and a literary nature. Prerequisite: GER 202. Three units. ‘S’

320. German Phonetics and Diction
A detailed study of fine points of pronunciation with extensive oral/aural practice to develop a more correct pronunciation and accent. Prerequisite or to be taken concurrently: GER 202 or equivalent. Laboratory fee $5. Three units.

340. Advanced German Grammar and Composition
A study of fine points of grammar with extensive written practice, including the writing of essays to develop facility in expressing oneself correctly in written form. Prerequisite: GER 202. Three units. ‘W’

351. German Literature I
Readings of a selected series of literary works from the Middle Ages to Goethe and Schiller and the Golden Age of German literature to develop enjoyment in reading literature in the original German and appreciation for the richness and variety of the literature. Prerequisite: GER 202. Three units. ‘W’

352. German Literature II
Reading of a selected series of literary works from the nineteenth century to the present to develop enjoyment in reading literature in the original German and appreciation for the richness and variety of the literature. Prerequisite: GER 202. Three units. ‘W’

Greek Courses

175-176. Elementary Greek I, II
An introduction to New Testament Greek with an emphasis on word formation, vocabulary, and basic syntax. The Koine dialect from the New Testament period will be studied. Four units each.

277-278. Intermediate Greek I, II
Continued study of New Testament Greek. Emphasis is placed on vocabulary and syntax. Prerequisite: GRE 176. Three units each.
Hebrew Courses

191-192. Elementary Hebrew I, II
An introductory study of biblical Hebrew with emphasis on word formation, vocabulary, and basic syntax. Some reference will be made to modern Hebrew. Offered on demand. Four units each.

Spanish Courses

All students who have already begun Spanish in high school and who wish to fulfill the foreign language graduation requirement by taking Spanish will be placed by an examination given at the beginning of the semester.

101-102. Elementary Spanish I, II
An introduction to the Spanish language with extensive practice in pronunciation, simple conversation, aural comprehension, fundamentals of grammar, and reading short passages. Basic sentence patterns and grammatical principles will be reinforced through a great many oral and written activities and exercises. Aspects of Hispanic culture will also be explored. Laboratory fee $5 each semester. Four units each.

201-202. Intermediate Spanish I, II
Continued development of skills in speaking, understanding, reading, and writing Spanish through an extensive study of grammar, selected readings, conversational practice, vocabulary development, and the writing of simple compositions. Aspects of Hispanic culture will also be explored. Prerequisite: SPA 102. Three units each.

315. Advanced Spanish Conversation and Reading Practice
Extensive conversation and vocabulary practice on a wide variety of topics, correlated with readings of both a journalistic and a literary nature. Prerequisite: SPA 202. Three units. ‘S’

320. Spanish Phonetics and Diction
A detailed study of fine points of pronunciation, with extensive oral/aural practice to develop a more correct pronunciation and accent. Prerequisite or to be taken concurrently: SPA 202. Laboratory fee $5. Three units.

340. Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition
A study of fine points of grammar with extensive written practice, including the writing of essays, to develop facility in expressing oneself correctly in written form. Prerequisite: SPA 202. Three units. ‘W’

350. Introduction to Hispanic Literature
Reading of a selected series of literary works from a wide range of periods and authors to develop enjoyment in reading literature in the original language and appreciation for the richness and variety of the literature. Prerequisite: SPA 202. Three units. ‘W’