ROMANCE, GERMAN, AND SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

The Department of Romance, German, and Slavic Languages and Literatures offers undergraduate instruction in French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish. In general, Romance language courses are conducted entirely in the language concerned. The proficiency-based curriculum emphasizes skills in aural comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing. Culture, an essential dimension of language acquisition, is integrated from the start.

The undergraduate program is designed to strengthen a student’s ability to communicate, reason, and understand the linguistic, social, cultural, and physical environments that inform the lives of the people who speak the target language. Coursework fosters critical thinking, based on the linguistic, cultural, and historical roots of the locations where the language is spoken. The curriculum prepares students for careers in academia, business, diplomacy, government, medicine, and law, among other fields.

Classroom and laboratory study is supplemented by the diverse resources of Washington, DC, through field trips, foreign films, lectures, and cultural programs at embassies.

Visit the department’s website (http://rgsll.columbian.gwu.edu/) for information concerning eligibility, requirements, and procedures for the wide variety of opportunities to study abroad (https://studyabroad.gwu.edu/).

UNDERGRADUATE

Bachelor's programs

- Bachelor of Arts with a major in French language, literature, and culture (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/romance-german-slavic-languages-literatures/ba-french-language-literature-culture/)
- Bachelor of Arts with a major in German language and literature (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/romance-german-slavic-languages-literatures/ba-german-language-literature/)
- Bachelor of Arts with a major in Russian language and literature (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/romance-german-slavic-languages-literatures/ba-russian-language-literature/)
- Bachelor of Arts with a major in Spanish and Latin American languages, literatures, and cultures (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/romance-german-slavic-languages-literatures/ba-spanish-latin-american-languages-literatures-cultures/)
- Bachelor of Arts with a major in Italian language and literature (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/romance-german-slavic-languages-literatures/minor-italian-language-literature/)
- Minor in Italian language and literature (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/romance-german-slavic-languages-literatures/minor-italian-language-literature/)

- French (FREN) (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/courses/fren/)
- Germanic Language and Literature (GER) (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/courses/ger/)
- Italian (ITAL) (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/courses/ital/)
- Portuguese (PORT) (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/courses/port/)
- Slavic Language and Literature (SLAV) (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/courses/slav/)
- Spanish (SPAN) (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/courses/span/)