FOREIGN LANGUAGES ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

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In keeping with the college's commitment to integrative study and global perspective, the program in Foreign Languages Across the Curriculum (FLAC) offers students opportunities to combine their knowledge of a foreign language with their study of other fields in the liberal arts. By definition, FLAC courses combine at least two fields of knowledge: a language other than English and a discipline such as history, religion, or political science.

FLAC courses are specially designated courses that offer 0.25 credit foreign-language component. Each component meets an additional hour each week beyond the regular class time. In most components, students read and discuss supplementary texts in the designated foreign language. In some components, students read texts in the foreign language and discuss them primarily in English. In others, the "texts" are actually oral/aural sources (e.g., newscasts, dramatizations, films) in a foreign language, discussed in that language. FLAC courses are particularly appropriate for students who are preparing for, or returning from, study abroad, who appreciate literature and the power of language, who enjoy analyzing original texts, or who are considering graduate study that requires the use of foreign language in reading and research.

Requirements
To be eligible to participate in FLAC courses, students should have proficiency in a foreign language equivalent to at least the fourth semester (232 level or equivalent) of college language study. Students who successfully complete the foreign-language component in two FLAC courses (in the same language) will earn Applied Foreign Language Certification on their St. Olaf transcript.

Courses
FLAC courses span the curriculum. Since 1989, foreign-language components have been developed for courses in a variety of disciplines (including art/Asian studies, history, Latin American studies, religion, political science, and music) and in a variety of languages (Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Norwegian, Russian, and Spanish). Not every FLAC course is available every year, and new courses are developed periodically. Students should consult the roster of FLAC options available each semester in the class and lab schedule (https://www.stolaf.edu/sis/public-aclasslab.cfm).

Faculty
Director, 2017-2018  
Jeane DeLaney  
Associate Professor of History  
Latin American history; Argentina and Cuba; environmental history of Latin America

Karen R. Achberger  
Professor of German  
German cinema; 20th-century German and Austrian literature; Ingeborg Bachmann; Green Germany; fin-de-siècle Vienna

Jolene M. Barjasteh  
Professor of Romance Languages - French  
19th- and 20th-century French literature; autobiography

Gwendolyn Barnes-Karol  
Professor of Romance Languages - Spanish  
Peninsular literature and culture; contemporary Spain; orality and literacy; second language acquisition

Anthony Bateza  
Assistant Professor of Religion  
Reformation studies

Eric Becklin  
Instructor in History  
Chinese history

Christopher L. Chiappari  
Associate Professor of Sociology/Anthropology  
Guatemala; religion; immigration

J. Patrick Dale  
Associate Professor of Political Science  
comparative politics; European politics and economics; central European thought

Robert E. Entenmann (on leave fall)  
Professor of History and Asian Studies  
Chinese and Japanese history; U.S.-East Asian relations; Vietnam; Asian-Americans

Louis K. Epstein  
Assistant Professor of Music  
musicology

Timothy R. Howe  
Professor of History  
ancient Greece and Rome; the Middle East; Alexander the Great; ancient archeology

Anna K. Kuxhausen  
Associate Professor of History  
Russian history; women's history

Kent M. McWilliams  
Professor of Music; Associate Dean of Fine Arts  
piano; piano pedagogy

Margaret Hayford O'Leary  
Professor of Norwegian, Associate Dean of Humanities  
Norwegian language, literature, and society; Nordic crime fiction

Dolores Peters  
Associate Professor of History  
modern France; modern Europe; history of medicine

Jason J. Ripley  
Associate Professor of Religion  
Biblical theology; Gospel of John; imperial; gender; postcolonial interpretation

Hsiang-Lin Shih  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Asian Studies  
Chinese literature; classical and modern eras
Ka F. Wong
Associate Professor of Asian Studies
language pedagogy; cultural studies; Asian American studies; visual culture