MDFL STUDENT ADVISING
Department of Modern Foreign Languages

AN EARLY START...
* Gives students time to explore French, German, Spanish languages & cultures.
* Gives students enough time to complete a major / minor.

MAJORS & MINORS
* In 2009-10, over 90% of MDFL majors were double & triple majors.
* We are happy to help counsel students with advisers in other departments regarding the MDFL major/minor.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT
* Students should choose a language based on interest.
* Students can continue a language or start a new one.
* Students don't have to stop at the requirement.

PLACEMENT TESTS
* Students need to enroll according to placement scores.
* Students may audit a class out of which they have tested.

UNINTERRUPTED STUDY
* The less time taken off of language study, the more successful students will be.
* Start planning early for study abroad.

Your Passport to the World

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Language Requirement

Q: Should I fulfill the language requirement by taking classes in a language that I previously studied?
A: YES! If you had a positive experience. Otherwise, students are encouraged to consider beginning a new language, perhaps something not offered in their high school.

Placement Tests

Q: What do my placement results mean?
A: Your placement score indicates the course in which you will continue your study of the foreign language.

Q: Can I get credit if I test out of one or more language classes?
A: YES. Students who place into Introduction II or higher AND who complete the course indicated by the placement exam with a grade of C- or higher are eligible to obtain credits for courses they tested out of by paying a small per-course fee. Students need only purchase those credits if they are needed to complete the 130 credit hour minimum requirement.

Q: Are some incoming students not required to take a foreign language placement exam?
A: YES. Students with an AP score of at least 3 or students with no prior experience in a foreign language are not required to sit a placement exam.

Majors and Minors

Q: I already have a non-MDFL major; can I add a foreign language minor or major?
A: YES! Over 90% of MDFL majors are double and triple majors in a variety of disciplines AND the vast majority graduate in 4 years!

Q: If I have a major in another discipline can I also have an advisor in MDFL?
A: YES! We encourage students to select designate a MDFL advisor in addition to any advisor they may have in another department.

Study Abroad

Q: I'm interested in studying abroad; where do I start?
A: Begin by speaking with Donn Grinager or Ben Iverson (Director and Assoc. Director of International and Off-Campus Programs) as well as your foreign language instructor about the many options to study abroad in a non-English speaking country. Approximately 3/4th of language majors study abroad.

Q: Do Augie language instructors ever take students abroad?
A: Yes! There are January Interim and spring break courses led by MDFL faculty on an occasional basis.

Tutoring

Q: Is language tutoring available on campus?
A: YES! Free tutoring is available for students studying first and second year language from junior and senior language majors and other native speakers.

Additional Questions?

A: Contact the Department:

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