



# World Languages and Cultures

## Why Study World Languages and Cultures at TCNJ?

The study of global languages, cultures, and literature gives us a better understanding of our complex and multicultural world. World Languages and Cultures (WLC) students at TCNJ's School of Humanities and Social Sciences broaden their knowledge and perspective to become global citizens, exploring the world through the study of language and culture. Learning to communicate in different languages is an invaluable skill that's highly attractive to employers and translates to almost any career or industry. Our rich curriculum blends the strengths of a liberal arts education with a program of immersive cultural experiences, including study abroad. Students are guided and instructed by dedicated faculty from diverse cultural backgrounds.

**Faculty members represent more than 10 countries and speak: Arabic, Chinese, Danish, English, French, German, Italian, Hebrew, Japanese, Polish, Russian, Spanish, and Yiddish**

## Programs of Study

The World Languages and Cultures program offers:

- **A major in world languages and linguistics** — focused on the science of languages with a concentration in Arabic, French, Italian, Japanese, or Spanish
- **A major in Spanish** — focused on bilingual and multicultural studies of the Hispanic world through language, literature, history, and the arts
- **Minors in eight different languages** — Arabic, Chinese, French, German Studies, Italian, Japanese, Linguistics, Russian Studies, and Spanish

Students benefit from:

- **Integrated immersive cultural experiences** — including trips, speakers, festivals, and performances
- **Study abroad opportunities** — at more than 100 locations through TCNJ's Center for Global Engagement
- **A flexible curriculum that easily accommodates double majors or additional minors** — with virtually any other TCNJ academic program of interest
- **A dual major with education** — our program is the state's top preparer of Spanish teachers and offers certification at all school levels



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- **Small class sizes** — to ensure individual attention and extensive use of the target language
- **A weekly oral proficiency hour** — offering students a relaxed atmosphere to practice and expand knowledge of a chosen language in small groups, through activities, games, and conversation
- **First-rate instruction and strong mentorship from expert faculty** — that help guide academic and career paths

## Heritage Spanish-Speaker Programming

Spanish-speaking students can start their major or minor with a course designed specifically for students raised speaking Spanish. This learning environment, with an emphasis on the Hispanic experience in the U.S., is tailored for students who want to develop fluency and poise, strengthen their writing skills, and raise their proficiency toward professional levels.

## Study Abroad Opportunities

Gaining global experience and perspective through immersion in other languages and cultures is integral to our program. Students may choose a credit-bearing program offered by TCNJ or one of many third-party programs provided through TCNJ's Center for Global Engagement. TCNJ also offers unique study opportunities at Universidad Adolfo Ibanez in Vina del Mar, Chile, as well as faculty-led programs in and around Madrid, Spain at Universidad de Alcalá de Henares and Universidad Complutense de Madrid.

## Active Student Organizations

For additional experience and exposure in languages and cultures of interest, there are many student-led organizations on campus to get involved with. The WLC department supports and participates in: Chinese Students Association, French Club, German Club, Italian Club, Japanese Student Association, and Spanish Club.

## A World Languages and Cultures Degree from TCNJ Opens Doors

Our WLC students gain the deep knowledge and practical skills, insights, and experiences that appeal to top employers and graduate schools. Knowledge of other language and cultures can greatly enhance career opportunities in any field, including business, law, medicine, healthcare, international education, nonprofit, government, technology, marketing, social services, and more.

### TCNJ graduates have been hired by

the American Red Cross, The Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the AFL-CIO, and numerous school districts including various New Jersey Model World Language programs.

### Graduates have pursued advanced degrees

at Villanova University Law School, Michigan State University, University of Minnesota, Rutgers University, Rowan University and the Universidad deAlcalá (Spain).

## Take the Next Step

To learn more about earning your World Languages and Cultures degree at TCNJ, visit [wlc.tcnj.edu](http://wlc.tcnj.edu) or contact us with questions.

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