

# UPSTATE

University of South Carolina

## Languages, Literature & Composition

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### Overview

The Division of Languages, Literature and Composition offers Bachelor of Arts degrees in English and Spanish, as well as minors and certificates in American Sign Language, Creative Writing, English, Film Studies, French, German Studies, Global Competence, Global Studies, Spanish, and Spanish Translation/Interpreting.

All degree programs are designed with small classes and one-on-one guidance from instructors and advisors to help students develop 21st-century career skills in critical thinking, writing, communication, empathy, research, analysis and intercultural competence. Our award-winning faculty members are published authors, leaders of national and regional organizations, working translators and interpreters, and global travelers committed to opening up a world of opportunity for our students. Courses are offered face-to-face, online, and in blended formats to help you complete your degree on your schedule.

### Bachelor of Arts in English

English Studies in the 21st century is a multimedia field that recognizes that most writing and reading is not confined to paper anymore. Our English graduates will read and write on screens large and small. They will write the road map for new business enterprises and community institutions. They will design and create the next generation of innovation, and lead diverse communities toward collective problem-solving. In short, they will write our world.

In the USC Upstate English major, students can specialize in literature, film (both production and analysis), English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), writing in a range of professional and creative genres and media, or combine courses from different interest areas.

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Popular courses include Writing in the Fantasy Genre, Adolescent Literature, African American literature, the Harlem Renaissance, Freelance Writing and Publishing, Postcolonial Literature, Screenwriting, and Women Writers. Look for new classes each semester in topics like animation, Disney, viral video production, graphic novels, digital humanities, and becoming a social media author.

## Bachelor of Arts in Spanish

Students pursuing a B.A. in Spanish learn to communicate in Spanish and to understand Hispanic and Latino cultures at home and abroad. Through internships and service learning courses, Spanish majors prepare to bridge English and Spanish communities in business, criminal justice, healthcare, education, politics and social services. Courses and study abroad experiences introduce students to worlds of literature, popular culture, music and politics while developing skills in speaking, writing, interpreting, and translating.

## Career Opportunities

Languages, Literature, and Composition programs prepare students for careers in law, professional/technical/creative writing, editing, publishing, translation and interpreting, library science, researching, business and non-profit administration, intelligence and military analysis, public relations, the film and popular culture industry, community outreach, as well as teaching both in the U.S. and abroad. Our alumni are working around the world as lawyers, journalists, business owners and executives, military officers, professors, interpreters, teachers, public relations directors, grant writers, authors and editors.

## Lead with Languages in a Bilingual Workforce

¿Habras español en casa? ¿Te gustaría aprender más sobre tu cultura y el mundo hispánico? ¿Buscas perfeccionar tu español oral o escrito? ¿Quieres estudiar en el extranjero? ¿O tal vez te interesa aprender sobre la traducción y la interpretación para carreras médicas o legales? ¿Te gustaría participar en actividades sin fin de lucro con líderes comunitarios? Aprovecha de muchas oportunidades para desarrollar liderazgo.

## Minors and Certificates in Languages, Literature and Composition

Our minors and certificate programs allow students to combine their interest in writing, language, and culture with a major in business, health care, engineering, technology, communications, criminal justice, child advocacy, or nearly any other field. Our minors prepare students to research, analyze, create, and communicate more effectively across audiences and cultures. These skills can significantly increase career competitiveness.

Minors in French, German Studies, and Spanish prepare students for careers working with companies, organizations, schools, and communities from throughout the world, including Europe, Africa, Asia, and North and South America. Global companies like BMW, Michelin, Dräxlmaier, and others headquartered in the Upstate region seek talented employees who can communicate and work across languages and cultures as they carry on business around the globe.

The Minor in Global Studies combines intermediate-level study of Chinese, French, German, or Spanish with a broader exploration of global cultural interactions, including a study abroad experience. While study abroad experiences are great ways to develop these skills, the Global Competence Certificate recognizes that students can also prepare to participate in a global economy without leaving the Upstate region. The certificate guides students to a set of academic offerings across many disciplines that are designed to build world- and career-readiness skills.

Minors in American Sign Language Interpreting and Spanish Translation/Interpreting learn both theory and practical applications of translation and interpreting in healthcare, legal, business, and education professions. Advanced coursework in translation, interpretation, language, and culture helps students prepare for careers in a bilingual marketplace, while internships and service learning opportunities and internships demonstrate the ways bridging languages and cultures can help make a real difference in many lives.

Minors in creative writing, English, and film studies immerse students in popular culture, literary and cultural history, and the sheer art of creating literature or producing film.

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