



Modern Languages

- Degree Offered:**
- Bachelor of Arts in French
 - Bachelor of Arts in Spanish
 - Bachelor of Arts in French Secondary Education
 - Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Secondary Education

Minors Offered: French, Hispanic Studies, and Spanish

Two innovative tracks for majors: Education Track for those who seek adolescent education certification in languages other than English. Professional Track for those with interest in applying their language and cultural fluency to their career.

Career Options:

- Graduates in the Education Track will seek employment in teaching French or Spanish at the high school level locally or nationally; students in the Professional Track will complete one or two +PLUS pathways including local and international internships, which will allow them to apply their language and cultural skills in a variety of professional positions: foreign and government service, global business and finance, human resources, counseling, health professions, art & design, public relations, social work, editing & translation, community development, and numerous opportunities in U.S. branches of international companies.

Why Modern Languages @ Daemen?

- Courses offered in Language, Culture, and Linguistics creating a well-rounded undergraduate curriculum.
- Offers critical world languages - Chinese, French, Italian and Spanish. Our Colloquium course in sophomore, junior and senior year focuses on student's individual academic, personal and professional goals. Faculty mentors ensure steady progress toward success.
- Study abroad opportunities for all languages are available for long and short-term study. Study abroad courses, service learning and internships are closely related to the student's Professional +PLUS options or Educational Track goals.
- Students meet with native-speaker Language Assistants for language and cultural tutorials.

Where are recent graduates employed?

- U.S. Agency for International Development, Washington DC
- World Bank, Washington DC
- Assistant Administrative Director the Academies, University at Buffalo
- Spanish teacher, Nichols School
- U.S. Department of Transportation

Modern Language Students are PREPARED:

- Professional Track students participate in an internship Junior and/or Senior year – locally, during their study abroad experience or during a semester with the Washington Internship Institute.
- Professional track students select one or more +PLUS options in Global Business, Community Health Promotion, Human Resource Management, Community Development or Health Policy or a minor in a variety of fields for which language abilities are a critical resource, including Global Studies, Entrepreneurship, Criminal Justice, Atlantic Studies, Paralegal Studies, and Sustainability.
- Education Track students working toward provisional secondary certification have coursework, observation and practice in classroom methodology and technology.
- Students use language skills in hands-on, real-life assignments both in and out of class.
- The department offers a variety of applied linguistics courses that will prepare students for graduate work and research.

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Our students can participate in language-specific community service projects or service learning programs both here and abroad.

Explore Your World of Opportunity

- Exciting and affordable study-abroad options ensure linguistic and cultural fluency. You can spend a year, semester, summer, January term, or spring break studying in Mexico, Spain, Argentina, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, China, France, Italy or Quebec.
- Participate in cultural activities on and off campus with the Foreign Language Student Association.
- Earn Service Learning credit working in bilingual schools, after-school programs, or community organizations.



Effie Apostolaki, Graduate of Modern Languages

Effie Apostolaki is a graduate of Daemen with a BA in Spanish. She took advantage of Daemen's study abroad opportunities and spent summers in Argentina, Costa Rica and an exchange semester in Mexico. During her time in Mexico she completed a service learning course dedicated to sustainable development and did extensive linguistic research for her Senior Capstone Project on contemporary use of Tú and Ud.

Effie also completed a semester in the nation's capital with the Washington Internship Institute, working in the Organization of American States. Her experience and connections there have helped her begin her career as a Coordinator with the World Bank.

Effie says "Working hard is the key to success", a motto she lives up to as she plans to begin graduate studies in International Development Studies.



Krystal Hawkins Chavez, Graduate of Modern Languages

"I graduated with my Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Daemen. During my sophomore year, Dr. Denise Mills took a group of students on a 2 week long study abroad trip to learn about the sustainable environment in Mexico. In my junior year, I had the opportunity to study abroad in Cuernavaca, Mexico and continuously learned about their culture every day I was there.

I completed my master's degree in education and I was hired at Pembroke Jr/Sr High School located in Corfu, NY as a Spanish teacher and I absolutely love it! I enjoy bringing the Mexican culture into much of what I teach as well as other Hispanic cultural tidbits I have gathered along the way.

My time at Daemen was unforgettable. I feel like I had one of the best college experiences because all of the professors were hands-on and having the small class sizes allowed you to get to know other students. I will never forget who I crossed paths with, what I was challenged to accomplish, and who I have become today because of Daemen College."

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