# World Languages and Cultures



**REACH FARTHER** 



**REACH** and connect with other cultures.

REACH your career goals with in-demand language proficiency.

REACH new people and places through study abroad immersion.

# Areas of Study

- French
- German
- Spanish
- Global Studies

#### **Concentrations in Global Studies:**

- Asian Studies
- Global Service
- IECA International Economics and Cultural Affairs
- Latin American/Latinx Studies

## Study and Intern Abroad

Semester or full year study programs:

- Chile
- Mexico
- Costa Rica
- Namibia
- France
- South Korea
- Germany
- Spain
- Japan
- Taiwan



Scholarships are available for first-year students majoring in a language, as well as some language minors.
Visit valpo.edu/financialaid.

### **Engaged and Exceptional Faculty**

Graduates cite close relationships with professors as a critical component of their education and success. Faculty are engaged with and invested in students, both in out out of the classroom.



Residents speaking German while sharing a meal at the German House.

### **Experiential Learning**

- Share meals while living in a German-speaking community with a native speaker in the Kade-Duesenberg German House and Cultural Center.
- Digitize and code a Renaissance French cookbook.
- Contribute your poetry for *Letras*, Valpo's Spanish-language literary magazine.
- Meet with a native speaker for regular conversation in second-year courses.
- Present at Valpo's undergraduate research conference.
- Find your language learning home base at the Language Resource Center, one of four campus learning centers: valpo.edu/language-resource-center



A double-major in Elementary Education and Spanish, Gabrielle lived abroad in Granada, Spain.

# **Global Studies Major**

Part of the Department of World Languages and Cultures, Global Studies offers a variety of concentrations:

#### **Asian Studies**

Integrate study of Chinese or Japanese with comprehensive knowledge about Asian history, culture, and politics.

#### **Global Service**

Students considering careers with international organizations and development agencies equip themselves through study of a geographical region and its language, along with courses in social work, economics, political science, and theology.

#### **IECA - International Economics & Cultural Affairs**

Combine study of a world language with internationallyfocused courses in economics, geography, history, and political science. Students select a regional emphasis (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America).

#### **Latin American/Latinx Studies (minor)**

Explore the rich histories and cultures of Latin America and U.S. Latinx communities within the larger context of contemporary global cultures.



Jack interned in Compiègne, France as part of VIEP engineering.

## **Other Combinations**

The College of Engineering offers the Valparaiso International Engineering Program (VIEP) in France, Germany, and Spain:

- Unique five-year program in which students combine an engineering major with a world language major or minor.
- During a year abroad, students take engineering courses and complete an internship.
- Students gain multicultural experience and language proficiency along with technical engineering skills.

The College of Business integrates language study in these programs:

- International Business major
- Enhanced International Business in German
- Certificate in Business Spanish

Students can also earn secondary teaching licensure for German and Spanish, as well as a minor in Cinema and Media Studies that integrates world language film courses.



Spanish students competing at the World Language Speakathon. Valpo students have many opportunities to practice their language skills outside the classroom.

As reported by the New American Economy, language skills are in demand across a wide range of fields, and the demand in the US is growing.



#### **Career Paths**

Graduates use their language studies in a variety of careers, across many sectors and positions:

- Foreign service officer
- Manufacturing engineer
- International educator
- Marketing director
- Legal assistant
- Community organizer
- Production planner
- Software engineer
- Global fund representative

- Translator
- High school teacher
- College professor
- Clergy member
- Market researcher
- Attorney
- Editor

## **National Recognition through Fulbright**

An impressive number of world language graduates have been honored with a prestigious Fulbright award from the U.S. Department of State and the William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.



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