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Degree: A.A. - Language Studies

- French
- German
- Italian
- Japanese
- Russian
- Spanish

American River College offers courses in French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Spanish designed to help students develop a command of a variety of languages necessary to pursue career, transfer and degree goals.

- SPAN 402 Elementary Spanish (4)
- SPAN 411 Intermediate Spanish (4)
- SPAN 412 Intermediate Spanish (4)

Language Studies Degree

The Language Studies degree provides an area of emphasis in communication skills in both English and foreign languages. It is intended for students wishing to develop communication skills for the work place. Students who work closely with their counselors can use this area of emphasis to prepare for majoring at a four-year college in foreign languages as well as any other majors which require proficiency in one or more foreign languages.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- write expository and argumentative papers.
- synthesize ideas and develop conclusions.
- examine the connection between culture and communication.
- engage in conversation and written correspondence in a language other than English.

Requirements for Degree 18 Units

A minimum of 6 units from the following:6

- ENGWR 300 College Composition (3)
- or ENGWR 480 Honors College Composition (3)
- ENGWR 301 College Composition and Literature (3)
- or ENGWR 481 Honors College Composition and Literature (3)
- ENGWR 302 Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking (3)
- or ENGWR 482 Honors Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking (3)
- SPEECH 301 Public Speaking (3)
- SPEECH 331 Group Discussion (3)
- SPEECH 361 The Communication Experience (3)

And a minimum of 12 units from the following:12

- FREN 401 Elementary French (4)
- FREN 402 Elementary French (4)
- FREN 411 Intermediate French (4)
- FREN 412 Intermediate French (4)
- GERM 401 Elementary German (4)
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- GERM 411 Intermediate German (4)
- GERM 412 Intermediate German (4)
- ITAL 401 Elementary Italian (4)
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- ITAL 411 Intermediate Italian (4)
- JAPAN 401 Elementary Japanese (4)
- JAPAN 402 Elementary Japanese (4)
- JAPAN 405 Japanese Writing (1)
- RUSS 401 Elementary Russian (4)
- RUSS 402 Elementary Russian (4)
- SILA 305 American Sign Language 1 (4)
- SILA 306 American Sign Language 2 (4)
- SILA 315 American Sign Language 3 (4)
- SILA 316 American Sign Language 4 (4)
- SILA 318 American Sign Language 5 (4)
- SPAN 401 Elementary Spanish (4)

French

FREN 351 Conversational French, Elementary 3 Units

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is designed for students at the elementary or 401 level in French. Conversations and discussions, both controlled and spontaneous, are used to develop basic conversational skills in French. Emphasis will include oral proficiency and development of French cultural awareness.

FREN 352 Conversational French, Elementary 3 Units

Prerequisite: FREN 351 with a grade of "C" or better or two years of high school French.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is designed for students at the elementary or 402 level in French. Students will continue the development of oral-aural skills in French through conversations and discussions, both controlled and spontaneous. Emphasis will include oral proficiency and development of French cultural awareness.

FREN 361 Conversational French, Intermediate 3 Units

Prerequisite: FREN 352 with a grade of "C" or better or three years of high school French.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

Students will continue the development of oral-aural skills in French through small group conversations and class discussions, both directed and open-ended. Grammar structures, idiomatic expressions, and verb usage will be reviewed. Reports, discussions on current events, assigned readings, and personal interest topics will be used in individual and group presentations.

FREN 362 Conversational French, Intermediate 3 Units

Prerequisite: FREN 361 with a grade of "C" or better or four years of high school French.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

Students will continue to develop oral proficiency through emphasis on individual and small group presentation. Simple French readings will be used as a vehicle to continue the study and appreciation of the French culture and folklore through discussions and debates.

FREN 401 Elementary French 4 Units

General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to the language and culture of the French-speaking world. It includes the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing French with emphasis on the communicative skills, as well as the fundamentals of French pronunciation and grammar.

FREN 402 Elementary French 4 Units

Prerequisite: FREN 401 with a grade of "C" or better or 2 years of high school French.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course is a further development of the four basic skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. It is a continued study of pronunciation, fundamentals of French grammar and French culture.

FREN 411 Intermediate French 4 Units

Prerequisite: FREN 402 with a grade of "C" or better or 3 years of high school French.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B;

IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course includes speaking, listening, and writing practice at the intermediate level of French. It also reviews French grammar, and offers readings of varied texts, many of which explore the historic, artistic and cultural backgrounds of France and French-speaking countries.

FREN 412 Intermediate French 4 Units

Prerequisite: FREN 411 with a grade of "C" or better or 4 years of high school French.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B;

IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course is a further exploration of the culture, history and arts of French-speaking countries, begun in French 411. Grammar and syntax are examined as a means to that exploration.

German**GERM 351 Conversational German, Elementary 3 Units**

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is designed for students at the elementary or 401 level in German. Conversations and discussions, both controlled and spontaneous, are used to develop basic conversational skills in German. Emphasis will include oral proficiency and development of German cultural awareness.

GERM 352 Conversational German, Elementary 3 Units

Prerequisite: GERM 351 with a grade of "C" or better or two years of high school German.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is designed for students at the elementary or 402 level in German. Students will continue the development of oral-aural skills in German through conversations and discussions, both controlled and spontaneous. Emphasis will include oral proficiency and development of German cultural awareness.

GERM 401 Elementary German 4 Units

General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to the language of the German-speaking people. It includes the fundamentals of German pronunciation and grammar, as well as the development of listening, reading and writing with emphasis on the communicative skills.

GERM 402 Elementary German 4 Units

Prerequisite: GERM 401 with a grade of "C" or better or two years of high school German

General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course is a further development of the four basic skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. It is a continued study of pronunciation, fundamentals of German grammar and German culture.

GERM 411 Intermediate German 4 Units

Prerequisite: GERM 402 with a grade of "C" or better or three years of high school German

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B;

IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course includes speaking, listening, and writing practice at the intermediate level; review of German grammar; reading of varied texts and further study of historical and cultural background.

GERM 412 Intermediate German 4 Units

Prerequisite: GERM 411 with a grade of "C" or better or four years of high school German.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B;

IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course is continues development of the four basic skills through reading and interpreting various works of German literature, continue writing summaries, reports and short compositions, and studying the historical and cultural background of the German speaking world.

Italian**ITAL 351 Conversational Italian, Elementary 3 Units**

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is designed for students at the elementary or 401 level in Italian. Conversations and discussions, both controlled and spontaneous, are used to develop basic conversational skills in Italian. Emphasis will include oral proficiency and development of Italian cultural awareness.

ITAL 352 Conversational Italian, Elementary 3 Units

Prerequisite: ITAL 351 with a grade of "C" or better or two years of high school Italian.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is designed for students at the elementary or 402 level in Italian. Students will continue the development of oral-aural skills in Italian through conversations and discussions, both controlled and spontaneous. Emphasis will include oral proficiency and development of Italian cultural awareness.

ITAL 401 Elementary Italian 4 Units

General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to the Italian language and culture of Italy. It includes the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Italian with emphasis on the communicative skills, as well as the fundamentals of Italian pronunciation and grammar.

ITAL 402 Elementary Italian 4 Units

Prerequisite: ITAL 401 with grade of "C" or better or two years of high school Italian.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course is a continuation of ITAL 401. It includes grammar essentials, further practice in conversation and composition, and a continued study of Italian culture.

ITAL 411 Intermediate Italian 4 Units

Prerequisite: ITAL 402 with a grade of "C" or better

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B; IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course includes speaking, listening and writing practices at the intermediate level. It includes a review of Italian grammar; reading of various texts and further study of Italy's history and culture.

Japanese**JAPAN 401 Elementary Japanese 4 Units**

General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This class teaches pronunciation, intonation, basic vocabulary and grammar of spoken Japanese. The grammar emphasis is word order, posposition and some conjunction in simple sentences. Students are required to learn Hiragana script. The course includes introduction to Japanese culture.

JAPAN 402 Elementary Japanese 4 Units

Prerequisite: Japanese 401 with a grade of "C" or better

General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

Japanese 402 continues teaching vocabulary, idioms, and grammar including more complex subordinate phrases and clauses. In addition to Hiragana, students are required to learn Katakana and simple Kanji ideographs. Discussions on Japanese culture continue.

JAPAN 405 Japanese Writing 1 Unit

Prerequisite: JAPAN 401.

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 18 hours LEC

This is a course in the study of written scripts in the Japanese language. Fundamentals of the Japanese written language will be taught with an emphasis on reading and writing (Hiragana, Katakana, and Kanji) common in daily usage. This course may be taken twice.

Russian**RUSS 401 Elementary Russian 4 Units**

General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to the Russian language and culture of Russia. It includes the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Russian with emphasis on the communicative skills, as well as the fundamentals of Russian pronunciation and grammar.

RUSS 402 Elementary Russian 4 Units

Prerequisite: RUSS 401 with a grade of "C" or better or two years of high school Russian.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course provides continued development of the Russian language and culture. It includes further development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Russian with emphasis on communicative skills, as well as the fundamentals of Russian pronunciation and grammar. Cross-linguistic and cross-cultural comparisons are emphasized.

RUSS 411 Intermediate Russian 4 Units

Prerequisite: RUSS 402 or three years of high school Russian.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C; IGETC Area 3B

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

Intermediate levels listening and speaking practice. Further development of grammatical structures. Reading of modern prose.

Spanish**SPAN 131 Foreign Language Lab: Integrated Topics in Spanish .5-1 Units**

Hours: 27-54 hours LAB

This laboratory course enables Spanish learners to develop, expand, and reinforce multiple Spanish language skills while working independently and/or in small groups. Coursework includes integrated study topics related to vocabulary, grammar, reading, writing, listening, and oral skills covered in SPAN 401, 402, and 411. Students may register until the twelfth week of the semester as space permits and may earn .5 unit of credit for every 27 hours of work. This course is graded credit/no-credit and may be taken four times on different topics up to a maximum of 4 units.

SPAN 311 Conversational Spanish, Intermediate 2 Units

Prerequisite: SPAN 402 with a grade of "C" or better or two years of high school Spanish

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 36 hours LEC

This intermediate-level Spanish course focuses on the further development of oral/aural skills through conversations and discussions, both directed and spontaneous. Emphasis is on fostering oral proficiency and continuing the development of Hispanic cultural awareness. Topics include nature, environment, art, politics, society, people and geography.

SPAN 312 Conversational Spanish, Intermediate 2 Units

Prerequisite: SPAN 311 with a grade of "C" or better; or three years of high school Spanish

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 36 hours LEC

This intermediate-level Spanish course focuses on the further development of oral-aural skills through conversations and discussions, both directed and spontaneous. Emphasis is on fostering oral proficiency and continuing the development of Hispanic cultural awareness. Topics include gender issues, ethical questions, and ancient civilizations.

SPAN 351 Conversational Spanish, Elementary 3 Units

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is designed for students at the elementary or 401 level in Spanish. Conversations and discussions, both controlled and spontaneous, are used to develop basic conversational skills in Spanish. Emphasis will include oral proficiency and development of Hispanic cultural awareness.

SPAN 352 Conversational Spanish, Elementary 3 Units

Prerequisite: SPAN 351 with a grade of “C” or better or two years of high school Spanish.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is designed for students at the elementary level in Spanish. Students will continue the development of oral-aural skills in Spanish through conversations and discussions, both controlled and spontaneous. Emphasis will include oral proficiency and development of Spanish cultural awareness.

SPAN 361 Conversational Spanish, Intermediate 3 Units

Prerequisite: Spanish 352 with a grade of “C” or better or three years of high school Spanish.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

Students will continue the development of oral-aural skills in Spanish through small group conversations and class discussions, both directed and open-ended. Grammar structures, idiomatic expressions, and verb usage will be reviewed. Reports, discussions on current events, assigned readings, and personal interest topics will be used in individual and group presentations.

SPAN 362 Conversational Spanish, Intermediate 3 Units

Prerequisite: Spanish 361 with a grade of “C” or better or four years of high school Spanish.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

Students will continue to develop oral proficiency through emphasis on individual and small group presentation. Simple Hispanic readings will be used as a vehicle to continue the study and appreciation of the Hispanic culture and folklore through discussions, and debates.

SPAN 401 Elementary Spanish 4 Units

General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. It includes the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish with emphasis on the communicative skills, as well as the fundamentals of Spanish pronunciation and grammar.

SPAN 402 Elementary Spanish 4 Units

Prerequisite: SPAN 401 with a grade of “C” or better or two years of high school Spanish.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course provides continued development of the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. It includes further development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish with emphasis on communicative skills, as well as the fundamentals of Spanish pronunciation and grammar.

SPAN 408 Elementary Spanish I Multimedia Enhancement 2 Units

Corequisite: SPAN 401.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 36 hours LEC

This course is designed at the introductory level using multimedia with focus on listening and speaking skills in Spanish. Opportunities to practice and speak Spanish in both small and large group formats will be provided in the course. Activities further reinforce what is introduced in Spanish 401. May be taken two times for credit. Credit/no credit only.

SPAN 409 Elementary Spanish II Multimedia Enhancement 2 Units

Prerequisite: SPAN 409.

Advisory: SPAN 402.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 36 hours LEC

This course is designed at the introductory level using multimedia with focus on listening and speaking skills in Spanish. The opportunity to practice and speak Spanish in both small and large group formats will be provided in the course. Activities further reinforce what is introduced in Spanish 402. May be taken two times for credit. Credit/no credit only.

SPAN 411 Intermediate Spanish 4 Units

Prerequisite: SPAN 402 with a grade of “C” or better or three years of high school Spanish.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B;

IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This intermediate-level Spanish course provides continued development of the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. It includes further development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Spanish with emphasis on communicative skills. Additionally, it covers more complex grammar topics and provides further study of the cultural and historical background of Spanish-speaking countries.

SPAN 412 Intermediate Spanish 4 Units

Prerequisite: SPAN 411 with a grade of “C” or better or 4 years of high school Spanish

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B;

IGETC Area 6

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course continues the development of the four basic skills through reading and discussion of major types of Spanish literature (short story, drama, poetry). Writing of paragraphs and short compositions is included. Students read and discuss the historical and cultural background of the Spanish-speaking world.

SPAN 418 Intermediate Spanish I Multimedia Enhancement 2 Units

Prerequisite: SPAN 409.

Advisory: SPAN 411.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 36 hours LEC

This course is designed at the intermediate level using multimedia with focus on listening and speaking skills in Spanish. Opportunities to practice and speak Spanish in both small and large group formats will be provided in this course. Activities further reinforce what is introduced in Spanish 411. May be taken two times for credit. Credit/no credit only.

SPAN 419 Intermediate Spanish II Multimedia Enhancement 2 Units

Prerequisite: SPAN 418.

Corequisite: SPAN 411.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 36 hours LEC

This course is designed at the intermediate level using multimedia with focus on listening and speaking skills in Spanish. Opportunities to practice and speak Spanish in both small and large group formats will be provided in this course. Activities further reinforce what is introduced in Spanish 411. May be taken two times for credit. Credit/no credit only.