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Languages at Wesleyan | At A Glance

Wesleyan has **NO language requirement**

**YET...**

- 63% of Wesleyan grads studied a language
- 31% of Wesleyan grads studied to the advanced level
- 13% of Wesleyan grads studied more than one language

*Class of 2018 statistics*

Wesleyan teaches **15 languages**

more than any co-ed liberal arts in the country!

- Wellesley - 15 (tied)
- Middlebury - 13
- Washington & Lee - 12
- Bucknell - 11
- Conn College - 11
- Macalester - 11
- Oberlin - 11
- Trinity - 11
- Vassar - 11
- Carleton - 10
- Colby - 10
- Williams - 10
- Amherst - 8
- Pomona - 6
- Five Colleges (incl. Umass) - 16

Wesleyan sets a high bar for study abroad.

We have among the most stringent language requirements for study abroad of any college or university.

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<th>FOR COUNTRIES WHOSE LANGUAGE IS TAUGHT AT WESLEYAN:</th>
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<td><strong>Spanish, French, &amp; Italian:</strong> All studies are in target language while abroad (4-5 semesters prerequisite)</td>
<td><strong>All Other Languages:</strong> Encouraged to take as much as possible in target language while abroad (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Japanese, Korean, German, Russian, Latin, Greek, Portuguese: 2-4 semester prerequisite)</td>
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There are **over 80 languages** other than English represented on campus.

According to the Wesleyan Language Proficiency Database

16% graduated with language majors

In the context of declining enrollments nationwide – and even the elimination of programs – Wesleyan is sustaining and even growing our numbers!
9 Reason why you should study another language

In today's world, knowledge of foreign languages is an essential asset for students of any discipline. Expectations are increasing for scholars and professionals to be able to converse with colleagues across the world concerning matters of mutual interest. Here are 9 reasons why you should study another language:

1. Many employers, professional schools, fellowships, and graduate schools see serious study of a second language (potentially, a double-major) as evidence that you can (a) put yourself more easily in others' (colleagues', clients') shoes and (b) communicate more effectively even in English.

2. You will never know your own language and culture more deeply than by studying another – by looking at it from the outside. Learning to thrive with the unfamiliar is often linked to creativity in many intellectual and professional contexts.

3. Language learning teaches you to think more clearly and sharpens your brain's ability to make sense of the world.

4. Deep study of another culture through its language brings home how much of value will never be made available in English.

5. Puzzling out another language and culture will help you understand and empathize with the difficulties of non-anglophone immigrants, colleagues, clients, and travelers in the U.S., even if you never leave American shores.

6. Learning another language well makes it easier to learn any language in the future. Even if you never need to learn a third or fourth language, the experience – especially if you study abroad – will make you far more confident in your ability to face any intellectual or professional challenge.

7. Language courses fit easily into study plans: offered on highly varied schedules, they provide a stimulating break from problem-set driven, heavy-reading or arts courses. Language courses tend to be fun and offer a great way to diversify any program of study.

8. Most programs stipulate language prerequisites for internships or studying abroad. Continue your language education throughout your first two years at Wesleyan in order to leave the options open down the road.

9. Alumni who have studied abroad through the medium of a another language overwhelmingly identify the knowledge, skills, and self-confidence achieved thereby as their greatest sources of satisfaction regarding their university experience.
Why study American Sign Language (ASL) at Wesleyan?

ASL is a visual gestural language. That means it is a language that is expressed through the hands and face and is perceived through the eyes. It isn’t just waving your hands in the air. A “visual gestural” language carries just as much information as any spoken language.

ASL is housed under the Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTL) Program. LCTL expands the range of language and cultural opportunities available to the Wesleyan community in the classroom and beyond, reflecting and fostering Wesleyan’s commitment to diversity.

What levels of ASL are offered?

We offer American Sign Language I and Beginning American Sign Language II. A number of Wesleyan students have continued their ASL studies during the summer at Gallaudet University in Washington DC (the first established liberal arts university for d/Deaf people).

ASL I and II are ampersand, which means enrollment in ASL II is contingent upon satisfactory completion of ASL I.

What service learning and study abroad options are available for ASL?

Invited d/Deaf guests at Wesleyan visits the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford, CT for a limited immersion experience. Total immersion experiences can be had at Gallaudet University in the summer and at some Interpreter Training Programs (ITP) that have a critical mass of d/Deaf students present. Gallaudet U and others have extensive ASL programs and a critical mass of hearing students (interpreter training) and d/Deaf students to sign with before venturing abroad.

There are a number of study abroad programs such as the University of Siena. Most are of short duration (two weeks or so) and you get immersed in the host country’s sign language (i.e. British, French, Italian) and culture. Check out these other study abroad opportunities related to ASL:

• Gallaudet University
• Clemson Abroad
• University of Pittsburg
• University of Rochester

What can I do after graduation with skills in American Sign Language?

Students intending to continue their ASL studies after Wesleyan are encouraged to attend Gallaudet University or ITP’s. Those that have completed their studies in ASL and Deaf culture and become fluent can be found in many disciplines working with d/Deaf and hard of hearing people (interpreting, clinical social work, counseling, law, rehabilitation, medicine, to name a few).

Whom do I contact for more information?

• Joe Basile (jmbasile@wesleyan.edu)
• Leslie Warren (lawarren@wesleyan.edu)
• Keith Vinci (kvinci@wesleyan.edu)
• Emmanuel Paris-Bouvret, LCTL Coordinator (eparis@wesleyan.edu)

Where to find us online:

https://www.wesleyan.edu/lctls/
Why study Arabic at Wesleyan?

Arabic is the 5th most spoken language in the world (422 million native speakers).

The Arabic program at Wesleyan teachers Modern Standard Arabic (known as Fus7a, i.e the eloquent or pure) going from beginner to advanced level and is in the process of offering new possibilities for further study of the language.

Placement exam is available if you have 1 year of Arabic. Schedule placement exam with Prof. Aissa.

What levels of Arabic are offered?

Arabic is offered for 3 years (5 semesters of modern standard Arabic and 1 possible semester of a dialect). You will learn Modern Standard Arabic which is the gateway to picking up easily any of the four major Arabic dialects.

Middle Eastern Studies Certificate

The Middle Eastern Studies Certificate requires 8 courses, of which at least one course must be from the courses listed under the Jewish and Israel Studies Certificate and one must be on the Muslim Middle East.

What study abroad opportunities are available in Arabic?

Many of our students choose to do a study abroad program, usually after 2 or 3 semesters at Wesleyan. Currently the most common destinations are Jordan, Morocco, Egypt, Lebanon and the Sultanate of Oman.

For more info, visit the Office of Study Abroad.

What can I do after graduation with language skills in Arabic?

Arabic language learners go on to earn fellowships such as Fulbright Fellowship, and internships where they get to employ and further develop their language and culture skills.

Whom do I contact for more information?

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Where to find Arabic online:

- https://www.wesleyan.edu/wesvis-ing/subjects/arab.html
- https://www.wesleyan.edu/mes/
Why study Chinese at Wesleyan?

大家好！If you wish to learn a language that one in six people in the world speak, this is the one for you. There’s no doubt Mandarin Chinese is the most spoken language in the world (1.2 billion native speakers).

The Chinese Language Program at Wes has been one of the best in the country since the 70’s with the support of Freeman Foundation. Chinese Language Table is organized once a week open to all the Chinese language students of second year and above. Chinese Lunch series provide the opportunity for students to communicate with native speakers. We offer the best financial aid to support Chinese language students in need when they study in summer programs.

What levels of Chinese are offered?

We offer 4 levels of Chinese courses plus Chinese Character Writing course to help beginners learning Chinese writing system. We also provide higher level courses/individual tutorial courses when needed. We provide language partners to all the Chinese language students.

If you have exposure to Chinese prior to Wes you should take the placement exam to determine which level would be appropriate for you to continue at Wesleyan. In order to do this, you need to schedule individual meeting with one of the Chinese instructors for the evaluations of speaking and Chinese character writing.

(See instructor contact information below)

What study abroad opportunities are available in Chinese?

College of East Asian Studies (CEAS) majors are required to study abroad for one semester. There are pre-approved programs that the students can participate in, such as Princeton in Beijing Program and most of the Middlebury Programs in China. If you want to participate in programs that have not been approved, you can petition.

Other than your regular financial aid package, there is also a Sha Ye Foundation supporting Chinese language students of Wesleyan continuing to study Chinese language in summer schools.

For more info, visit the Office of Study Abroad.

What can I do after graduation with language skills in Chinese?

Our graduates have gone on to careers in research and cultural analysis, education, law, artistic production, diplomacy and public service, business and communications. Among them, many have worked and lived in China for years. You will find a great network available to support students even after graduation.

Whom do I contact for more information?

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Where to find Chinese online:

- https://www.wesleyan.edu/ceas/index.html
- https://www.wesleyan.edu/wesvising/subjects/chinese.html
- https://www.wesleyan.edu/admission/academics/splashpages/ceas.html
Why study French at Wesleyan?

Bienvenue! Wesleyan’s French faculty offer a diverse, multidisciplinary curriculum that opens a window onto the literatures, ideas, and cultures of the French-speaking world, from the Middle Ages to the present day.

Our courses foster the linguistic proficiency and intercultural awareness necessary for living, studying, and working successfully in a French-speaking environment.

French Studies (FRST) is housed within the Romance Languages and Literatures (RLL) department at Wesleyan.

What levels of French are offered?

- FREN101: Elementary French I
- FREN102: Elementary French II
- FREN110: Accelerated Intermediate French I & II
- FREN112: Intermediate French
- FREN215: Composition and Conversation
- FREN224 and above: Advanced seminars

If you have taken French in high school and would like to continue to study French at Wes, you should take the French placement exam during the summer before you arrive at Wes in order to determine which course is appropriate for you.

What study abroad opportunities are available in French?

All students taking French (both majors and non-majors) are strongly encouraged to spend at least one semester studying abroad in a French-speaking country.

Wesleyan has had its own program in Paris (the Vassar-Wesleyan Program) since 1968. The program is open to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have completed FREN215 with at least a B grade.

Other Wesleyan-approved study-abroad programs currently exist in Cameroon, Madagascar, and Senegal. We also send one or two students a year to the Institut d’Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po) in Paris.

For more info, visit the Office of Study Abroad.

What can I do after graduation with language skills in French?

Anything you want. Recent graduates have gone on to pursue studies and careers in medicine, law, education, business, international relations, finance, the fine arts, government, NGOs and nonprofit organizations. If you can do something in English and know French, you can also do it in French and do it in more of the world than if you know only English.

Whom do I contact for more information?

Jeff Rider (jrider@wesleyan.edu)

Where to find French online:
- https://www.wesleyan.edu/wesvising/subjects/french.html
- https://www.wesleyan.edu/romance/french/index.html
Why study German at Wesleyan?

Willkommen! German studies at Wesleyan is an interdisciplinary program that offers courses taught in German at all levels of proficiency, courses taught in English on a wide range of subjects, and excellent opportunities for study abroad. To become fluent, you should start learning German, or continue learning the language, in your first semester. You will join an active, engaged, and motivated community of students and teachers. A minor is also offered.

Wesleyan’s German-language courses develop communicative competence in German along with the skills of reading and writing. Courses taught in English focus on German-speaking countries’ specific historical experiences and those countries’ many contributions to world culture.

What levels of German are offered?

- Introductory: GRST 101&102
- Intermediate I: GRST 211
- Intermediate II: GRST 212
- Intermediate III: GRST 213
- GRST 300 or higher: Advanced seminars

If you earned a 4 or 5 score in the AP German exam, you may receive credit toward graduation after earning a B- or better in any German language course numbered 212 or above. For an AP score of 5, you receive 2 credits, for an AP score of 4, 1 credit. These credits do not count toward the major.

We have an online placement test that will help us steer you to the appropriate course for your level of proficiency.

What study abroad opportunities are available in German?

As a major, you’ll be strongly encouraged to spend a semester on the pre-approved study abroad programs listed below:

Duke in Berlin (Berlin)
Prerequisite: German 211 or the equivalent. Students enrolled for the entire academic year or for the spring semester only may take courses at the Freie University, Humboldt University or the Technical University. Internships are also available upon request.

Smith in Hamburg (Hamburg)
Prerequisites: GRST 214 or the equivalent for the full year program; GRST 211 or the equivalent for spring semester only. Students take courses at Hamburg University and at the Technical University.

For more info, visit the Office of Study Abroad.

What can I do after graduation with skills in German?

Seniors can apply to the German Academic Exchange Service and the Baden-Württemberg Exchange for scholarships to study in Germany, and to the Fulbright Program to study in any German-speaking country. Opportunities to teach English in Germany and Austria are also available.

Whom do I contact for more information?
- Iris Bork-Goldfield (ibork@wesleyan.edu)
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Where to find German online:
- https://www.wesleyan.edu/wesvising/subjects/grst.html
- https://www.wesleyan.edu/admission/academics/splashpages/grst.html
Why study Ancient Greek at Wesleyan?

Intricate and often wild, beautiful and deeply moving, Ancient Greek also opens neural and conceptual pathways. For example, in an era where we are re-examining cultural values and categories (race, gender and sexuality, justice, truth-telling, emotional intelligence), ancient Greek offers new ways of conceiving and applying these concepts to modern debates.

Beyond the cognitive benefits of intensive language study, you will gain firsthand access to a complex and vibrant ancient culture, and to texts that are constantly revived to influence modern politics, history, philosophy, literature, and performance arts.

What levels of Ancient Greek are offered?

Our introductory course (GRK101) is offered every Spring, and finishes (GRK102) in the Fall.

Our intermediate and advanced students go on to engage with a variety of ancient texts, from mythology, epic poetry, and philosophy, to history and drama.

Anyone can begin learning Ancient Greek with us by starting with GRK101 and GRK102, but if you have previous experience with the language, we suggest having a conversation with a faculty member to determine the best level for you to continue.

What study abroad opportunities are available for a major in Classical Studies?

Classics majors are highly encouraged to spend a semester abroad, usually in the junior year, at a number of institutions with well-established programs in classical languages and civilizations, many of which provide opportunities to visit archaeological and historical sites in addition to coursework.

Those attending such programs may count up to 4 classes abroad toward their major, subject to pre-approva. You can apply for small grants from the Squire Fund to help offset the costs.

For more info, visit the Office of Study Abroad.

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Classics majors have the highest combined GRE scores, the highest LSAT and UGPA scores, and the greatest success in law school. They develop rich language, critical, and analytical, skills that can be applied to modern careers such as medicine, law, and education, among many others.

Whom do I contact for more information?
Eirene Visvardi (evisvardi@wesleyan.edu)

Where to find Classics online:
www.wesleyan.edu/classics
Why study Hebrew at Wesleyan?

What is unique about the Hebrew Program at Wesleyan is that at all levels students are also exposed to Israeli culture, mainly through the arts and films. Writers, poets, translators and movie directors visit the classes after their works have been studied.

All students are required to attend these cultural enrichment activities and on the Intermediate and Advanced level students also write papers and prepare to converse with the speakers in Hebrew.

Several main series are integrated into the Hebrew curriculum: Contemporary Israeli Voices, The Ring Family Wesleyan University Israeli Film Festival, and Lunch and Learn.

What levels of Hebrew are offered?

Hebrew is offered up to 3 years (total of 6 semesters). Hebrew classes are small therefore students get a lot of one-on-one attention. The third year of Hebrew is a seminar where students lead most of the discussions.

The Israel Studies track within the Certificate in Jewish and Israel Studies is especially attractive to students who took Hebrew courses because up to four Hebrew courses can be counted toward this track. Up to 2 Hebrew courses can be counted towards the certificate.

Over a three-year cycle, courses are offered in various departments grouped into four pathways:
1. History of the Jewish People
2. Jewish Literature and Culture
3. Israel Studies
4. Religion of the Jewish People

What study abroad opportunities are available in Hebrew?

Ben Gurion University of the Negev (Beersheba)
Fall (may earn only 3 credits due to length), spring or full year. Excellent place to study Hebrew. Volunteer and internship opportunities, strong environmental sciences.

University of Haifa (Haifa)
Fall (may earn only 3 credits due to length), spring or full year. Wide range of courses, including Hebrew and Arabic.

Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Jerusalem)
Fall (may earn only 3 credits due to length), spring or full year. Wide range of courses.

For more info, visit the Office of Study Abroad.

What can I do after graduation with skills in Hebrew?

Knowing Hebrew can help you secure jobs in Israeli high tech companies as well as work in many Jewish organizations.

Whom do I contact for more information?
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Where to find Hebrew online:
- www.wesleyan.edu/religion/hebrew
- https://www.wesleyan.edu/wesvis-ing/subjects/jis.html
**Why study Italian at Wesleyan?**

*Benvenuto! / Benvenuta!* The Italian studies (ITST) major at Wesleyan provides students with the linguistic proficiency and intercultural awareness necessary to live and work successfully in an Italian-speaking environment.

Through a comparative, international, and interdisciplinary education with rigorous language training at its core, students will develop an in-depth knowledge of Italian history, culture and society from the Middle Ages to the present.

Small classes taught in Italian, along with extracurricular activities and study abroad opportunities, allow Italian majors at Wesleyan to foster abilities considered essential in an ever-globalizing world, including critical thinking, intercultural interpretation and literacy, and effective citizenship.

**What levels of Italian are offered?**

ITAL101: Elementary Italian I  
ITAL102: Elementary Italian II  
ITAL111: Intermediate Italian I  
ITAL112: Intermediate Italian II  
ITAL221 or higher: Advanced seminars

If you have studied Italian before coming to Wesleyan, we encourage you to take the placement exam: we are happy to work with you to determine the appropriate placement.

If you earned a 4 or 5 score in the AP Italian exam, you may request 1 credit once you have completed any course in Italian numbered 221 or higher. Or you can take our Placement Test online and directly access our Intermediate or Advanced classes. The placement exam is available in your WesPortal.

**What study abroad opportunities are available for a major in Italian?**

Italian majors are strongly encouraged to spend at least one semester of study abroad at the Eastern College Consortium (ECCO) Study Abroad program in Bologna.

For more info, visit the Office of Study Abroad.

**What can I do after graduation with a major in Italian Studies?**

Many of our students have near native fluency when they graduate, particularly if they study abroad. Students who major in Italian studies often pursue careers in teaching, translation and interpreting, publishing, arts administration, law, international business and more.

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**Where to find Italian online:**

- [https://www.wesleyan.edu/wesvising/subjects/ital.html](https://www.wesleyan.edu/wesvising/subjects/ital.html)
- [https://www.wesleyan.edu/admission/academics/splashpages/ital.html](https://www.wesleyan.edu/admission/academics/splashpages/ital.html)

**Whom do I contact for more information?**

- Ellen Nerenberg (enerenberg@wesleyan.edu)
- Camilla Zamboni (czamboni@wesleyan.edu)
Why study Japanese at Wesleyan?

We offer a variety of Japan-related events on campus such as Weekly Japanese Language Table and Japanese Language Lunch. Japanese Language Table is run by our Foreign Language Teaching Assistant and is held every Thursday from noon-1pm. Japanese Language Lunch is held once to twice per semester and attendees will have a chance to listen to a talk by selected guest speaker in Japanese with lunch provided.

Class size is usually limited to 12-18 students. Japanese classes meet 5 times a week plus weekly TA session for 1st year, four times a week for 2nd, three times for 3rd, and two times a week (for 80 minutes) for 4th year.

What levels of Japanese are offered?

JAPN103: Elementary Japanese I
JAPN104: Elementary Japanese II
JAPN205: Intermediate Japanese I
JAPN206: Intermediate Japanese II
JAPN217: Third-Year Japanese I
JAPN218: Third-Year Japanese II
JAPN219: Fourth-Year Japanese I
JAPN220: Fourth-Year Japanese II

If you have prior exposure to Japanese, you may be able to start from the spring upon passing the placement exam. Placement test consists of two parts: online written test and oral interview. Schedule placement exam with Prof. Naho Maruta (see contact below).

What study abroad opportunities are available in Japanese?

CEAS Majors are required to study abroad in one of the East Asian countries including Japan. We have a variety of pre-approved programs in Japan including the Associated Kyoto Program (AKP) of which Wesleyan is one of the consortium institutions.

There are a variety of scholarships and fellowships available for study abroad in Japan:
• Bridging Foundation Scholarship
• Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program for U.S. Citizens
• Blakemore Foundation
• Boren Scholarship
• Critical Language Scholarships
• CEAS Summer Language Support

For more info, visit the Office of Study Abroad.

What can I do after graduation with skills in Japanese?

Our graduates have gone on to careers in a variety of fields. Some participates in The Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme (JET program) to teach English in Japan. One who majored in film with CEAS minor and Japanese studies has been working for a company dealing with films focused on Japanese ones by using her Japanese language skills gained at Wesleyan and study abroad in Japan.

Whom do I contact for more information?
• Naho Maruta (anmaruta@wesleyan.edu)
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Where to find us online:
• https://www.wesleyan.edu/ceas/index.html
• https://www.wesleyan.edu/wesvising/subjects/japn.html
• https://www.wesleyan.edu/admission/academics/splashpages/ceas.html
**Why study Korean at Wesleyan?**

Since 1997, the Korean Language Program has grown to become one of the three main language programs, along with Chinese and Japanese, at the College of East Asian Studies (CEAS).

We offer a wide range of on-campus activities you can participate in while studying Korean at Wesleyan, such as Korean Language Tables (meet every Thursday at noon), Korean Conversation Partners (for Intermediate and Advanced Korean classes), Korean Language Lunch Series (lunch-time lectures in Korean), and Korean movie screenings.

**What levels of Korean are offered?**

- **KREA153:** Elementary Korean I
- **KREA154:** Elementary Korean II
- **KREA205:** Intermediate Korean I
- **KREA206:** Intermediate Korean II
- **KREA217:** Advanced Korean I
- **KREA218:** Advanced Korean II

Six semesters of Korean are taught at Wesleyan from elementary to advanced Korean.

If you have prior exposure to the Korean language, you should take a placement test in order to determine which level of Korean to begin at Wes. (See instructor contact information below)

**What study abroad opportunities are available in Korean?**

College of East Asian Studies (CEAS) majors are required to undertake at least one semester of study abroad in one of the following pre-approved programs in South Korea: Korea University, Yonsei University, and Seoul National University. CEAS offers scholarships for the study of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean for summer language studies. Please visit the [College of East Asian Studies](https://www.wesleyan.edu/ceas/index.html).

For more info, visit the [Office of Study Abroad](https://www.wesleyan.edu/wesvising/subject-krea.html).

**What can I do after graduation with language skills in Korean?**

Students who have studied Korean can go on to many different paths after graduation: Teaching English at private/public schools in Korea, getting internships in Korea, working as translators/interpreters for K-pop music, K-dramas, or K-movies. They can also pursue careers in fields ranging from business, law, medicine, education, to financial advisors or foreign analysts/consultants for Asian/international markets among many other fields.

**Where to find Korean online:**

- https://www.wesleyan.edu/ceas/index.html
- https://www.wesleyan.edu/wesvising/subject-krea.html
- https://www.wesleyan.edu/admission/academics/splashpages/ceas.html

**Whom do I contact for more information?**

Hyejoo Back (hback@wesleyan.edu)
Why study Latin at Wesleyan?

Elegant and precise, profane and sublime, Latin offers a doorway not only to changing ancient aesthetics but also to new realms of thinking about the current cultural moment. In an era where the boundaries of our cultural and legal institutions are being redefined, the study of ancient Rome, and the language of its citizens, offer students historical perspectives and new ways to engage in the current debates, from approaches to constitutional protections and demagoguery, to race, ethnicity, media, and mass entertainment. Beyond the cognitive benefits of intensive language study, you will gain firsthand access to texts that bring Roman culture alive and that are constantly revived to influence modern politics, science, literature, philosophy, and history.

What levels of Latin are offered?

Every year, we offer an introduction course, starting in the Fall and continuing in the Spring. Every semester, our intermediate and advanced classes are centered around texts of antiquity, exploring mythology, epic poetry, philosophy, and history.

Anyone can begin learning Latin with us by starting with LAT 101 and LAT102, but if you have previous experience with the language, we suggest having a conversation with a faculty member to determine the best level for you to immerse yourself in the language.

What study abroad opportunities are available for a major in Classical Studies?

Majors are encouraged to spend a semester abroad, usually in the junior year, at a number of institutions with well-established programs in classical languages and civilizations, many of which provide opportunities to visit archaeological and historical sites in addition to coursework. Those attending such programs may count up to 4 classes abroad toward their major, subject to pre-approval, and they can apply for small grants from the Squire Fund to help offset the costs.

For more info, visit the Office of Study Abroad.

What can I do after graduation with a major in Classical Studies?

Classics Majors develop sharp language, critical, and analytical, skills that can be applied to modern careers such as medicine, law, and education, among many others. They also have the highest combined GRE scores, the highest LSAT and UGPA scores, and the greatest success in law school.

Whom do I contact for more information?

Eirene Visvardi  (evisvard@wesleyan.edu)

Where to find Classics online:

www.wesleyan.edu/classics
Why study Portuguese at Wesleyan?

Portuguese is the 6th or 7th most spoken language in the world, the 3rd most spoken European language, the most spoken language in South America and the Southern hemisphere.

If you are considering a semester abroad in a Portuguese-speaking country we recommend that you study Portuguese during your 2nd year at Wesleyan, closer to when you will study abroad which normally occurs during your junior year. You may petition for permission to study Portuguese during your first year.

What levels of Portuguese are offered?

We offer one year of intensive Portuguese language (PORT155 in Fall, PORT156 in spring) the equivalent of intermediate because the course has a prerequisite of 4 semesters of another Romance Language (Spanish, French, Italian).

The easiest way to determine eligibility is to take the placement test, which is available in your WesPortal.

What study abroad opportunities are available in Portuguese?

We offer the opportunity to study a full year of Brazilian Portuguese in an accelerated format for students who have a strong working knowledge of Spanish or another Romance language (the equivalent of SPAN, FREN or ITAL 112). Completion of both semesters is required for study abroad in Brazil or Portugal. POR 155-156 is required for study abroad in Brazil or Portugal through Wesleyan.

For more info, visit the Office of Study Abroad.

What can I do after graduation with skills in Portuguese?

Former students have taught English in Brazil, worked for the Peace Corps in Mozambique, provided college prep for Brazilian scholars and athletes, volunteered with social justice programs in Brazil and interned on organic farms in Portugal and Brazil. Volunteer, internship, fellowship and grant opportunities are available for students with a strong knowledge of Portuguese. In the US, students who speak Portuguese are pursuing careers in the fields of immigration, AIDS education, law, medicine, finance, and others.

Where to find Portuguese online:

- https://www.wesleyan.edu/wesvising/subjects/port.html
- https://www.wesleyan.edu/romance/portuguese/index.html

Whom do I contact for more information?

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Why study Russian at Wesleyan?

The REES Program offers an interdisciplinary range of courses in Russian language, history, politics, literature, culture, and film, as well as the culture and society of Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Russia continues to play a major role in global affairs, so the study of Russia occupies an important place in the Wesleyan curriculum, for both majors and non-majors.

There are two possible concentrations:

1. **Language, literature, and culture**: Majors must complete three years of college-level Russian or the equivalent, as well as five more courses.

2. **Social sciences**: Majors must complete two years of college-level Russian or the equivalent, as well as seven more courses chosen in consultation with an advisor.

What levels of Russian are offered?

- RUSS101: Elementary Russian I
- RUSS102: Elementary Russian II
- RUSS201: Intermediate Russian I
- RUSS202: Intermediate Russian II
- RUSS301: Third-Year Russian I
- RUSS302: Third-Year Russian II

We also offer courses and tutorials on Russian literature, culture, and history, conducted in Russian.

If you have taken Russian before or are a heritage speaker, you should take the placement exam in the fall to see what level of Russian course you should take.

What study abroad opportunities are available in Russian?

REES majors are highly encouraged to study abroad in Russia or other countries in the region. If you spend a semester studying on an approved program, you will receive four credits toward graduation, of which two count toward the major. If you study in the summer on an approved program, you receive two credits toward graduation, of which one counts toward the major.

For more info, visit the Office of Study Abroad.

What can I do after graduation with a major in REES?

Our graduates have gone on to careers in research and cultural analysis, education, law, artistic production, diplomacy and public service, business, and communication.

Whom do I contact for more information?

- Susanne Fusso (sfusso@wesleyan.edu)
- Roman Utkin (rutkin@wesleyan.edu)

Where to find Russian online:

- [https://www.wesleyan.edu/russian/index.html](https://www.wesleyan.edu/russian/index.html)
- [https://www.wesleyan.edu/wesvising/subjects/russ.html](https://www.wesleyan.edu/wesvising/subjects/russ.html)
- [https://www.wesleyan.edu/admission/academics/splashpages/rees.html](https://www.wesleyan.edu/admission/academics/splashpages/rees.html)
Why study Spanish at Wesleyan?

The Spanish program is designed to foster the linguistic proficiency and intercultural awareness necessary for living, studying, and working successfully in a Spanish-speaking environment, in the U.S. or abroad. While improving your ability to communicate in Spanish, you will learn about the breadth and diversity of Spanish-language literatures and cultures.

You can study all levels of Spanish. You can start from Spanish 101, which is the introductory course for students without prior Spanish language study, and go all the way to take seminars centered on the study of literature, cinema, art, theater, or cultural studies.

Are there prerequisites or language placement exams?

If you’ve taken the AP exam or the IB exam, your score will place you into one of these courses:

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Without one of these indicators, you should take the Spanish language placement exam. The placement exam is available in your WesPortal.

What study abroad opportunities are available in Spanish?

We strongly urge HISP majors to consider Wesleyan’s own Program in Madrid or any of the programs in Latin America. For more info, visit the Office of Study Abroad.

Whichever program you choose, we urge you consider the following:

- Opportunities to take regular courses designed for native speakers at the host university.
- Housing options that promote your cultural immersion.
- Opportunities for cultural enrichment beyond the classroom (e.g., museums, theater, cinema, concerts, and on-site learning through excursions).
- Opportunities for engagement in internships, special-interest activities or organizations, and regular contact with local undergraduates for the purpose of social interaction.

What can I do after graduation with skills in Spanish?

Our alumni work in diverse areas, such as medicine, the law, business, social work, non-profit organizations and education.

Whom do I contact for more information?

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Where to find Spanish online:

https://www.wesleyan.edu/romance/spanish/
https://www.wesleyan.edu/wesvising/subjects/span.html
Why study Hindi-Urdu at Wesleyan?

In recent years, South Asia has assumed a growing influence internationally in such fields as politics, business, research, and the arts. Many in the US are introduced to Hindi-Urdu through the vibrant world of Bollywood cinema and music. The study of Hindi-Urdu is an ideal choice for students who hope to take advantage of new opportunities emerging in South Asia, and for those who aspire to engage in the international exchanges of ideas where Hindi-Urdu plays a prominent role.

What levels of Hindi-Urdu are offered?

HIUR101: Elementary Hindi-Urdu I
HIUR102: Elementary Hindi-Urdu II
HIUR201: Intermediate Hindi-Urdu I
HIUR202: Intermediate Hindi-Urdu II

With the support from the US Department of Education and Wesleyan’s Office of Academic Affairs, we will begin offering Elementary and Intermediate Hindi-Urdu in Fall 2019 (with advanced courses coming later). We’ve offered Hindi in the past only as a Self-Instructed Language Program (SILP) in the Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTL).

What study abroad opportunities are available in Hindi-Urdu?

Through Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) you can immerse yourself in Hindi-Urdu Program in Lucknow and Jaipur.

The Berkeley-AIPS Urdu Language Program in Pakistan (BULPIP-AIPS) is an intensive Urdu language immersion program based at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) in Pakistan. Jointly administered by the America Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) and the Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan (BULPIP) at ISAS in the University of California, Berkeley.

Other opportunities:
- Carleton Global Engagement (Burmese Vihar Monastery, BodhGaya)
- Middlebury School in India (Delhi)
- SIT - India: Public Health, Policy Advocacy and Community (New Delhi)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison College Year in India (Varanasi/Madurai)

For more info, visit the Office of Study Abroad.

What can I do after graduation with skills in Hindi-Urdu?

Learning both Hindi and Urdu together ultimately gives students the ability to interact with close to 500 million people in South Asia as well as the opportunity to explore both secular and devotional literary traditions that go back to at least the sixteenth century, and explore professional opportunities in many fields.

Whom do I contact for more information?

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