



Program Planning Guide

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Calendar Year: 2010/2011

Faculty: Arts & Science/Education

Department of Modern Languages

Modern Languages Programs

The Department of Modern Languages offers four majors for the B.A./B.Ed. Combined Degrees program: French, German, French/German, and French/Spanish. Students may complete a B.A./B.Ed. or B.Sc./B.Ed. Combined Degrees program with a Modern Languages Education minor. Please refer to the University of Lethbridge Calendar for more information.

Consult With the Department Advisor

Students requiring advice on the majors or minors offered by the Department of Modern Languages are strongly encouraged to consult with the Department Advisor as early as possible in their first two years of study.

Off-Campus Study and Scholarships

German/Modern Languages Education: German majors must participate in the German Visiting Student Program (GVSP) as part of their program requirements. Further information on this program may be obtained from the German Off-Campus Studies Coordinator in the Department. Scholarships of interest to students studying off campus include the Louis Sherman Turcotte Memorial Travel Scholarships. Further information on these awards may be found in the University of Lethbridge Calendar or at the Scholarships and Student Finance Office.

Book Prizes

Each Spring the Swiss and German Embassies provide to the Department of Modern Languages two German books that are traditionally awarded to students performing well in German courses. Recipients of the book prizes are normally continuing students either in Modern Languages or Education. No applications are required.

Independent Study Opportunities

Students interested in undertaking an Independent Study in the Department of Modern Languages should consult with an instructor of their choice.

Co-operative Education in the Humanities and Social Sciences

A Co-op option, requiring three work terms, is available. Students interested in the Co-operative Education/Internship program should contact the Coordinator of Co-operative Education in the Career Resources Centre (B610 | phone: 403-382-7154) for further information.

Faculty of Education

Choosing an Education Major

The Faculty of Education offers 11 different majors that correspond to teaching subjects in Alberta schools (see p. 163 in the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar for a listing). In highly competitive teaching majors, the GPA for admission may be above the minimum requirements.

How to Choose a Major

Students generally begin by thinking about which subjects they enjoyed and did well at in school. Students are also encouraged to conduct additional research regarding their interests and aptitudes. Students who are uncertain about their major should try taking introductory courses in several areas.

German/Modern Languages Education: German

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education

Choosing Courses Outside the Major

Students sometimes find that their initial objective to teach only at the elementary level or only at the secondary school level is later modified—or even completely changed. Students are therefore encouraged to select courses that will prepare them for teaching in a variety of situations. Moreover, students should select courses that not only provide breadth and richness for the classroom but also provide the basis for the development of a teaching minor or specialization.

Choosing an Education Minor

The Faculty of Education offers 19 minors (see p. 167 in the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar for a listing). A minor consists of five non-Education courses (excluding those used in the major) and one curriculum and instruction Education course. Students may use the same courses to fulfill the minor and the General Liberal Education Requirement (GLER).

Choosing an Education Specialization

The Faculty of Education offers three specializations:

- Early Childhood Education
- Special/Inclusive Education
- Technology in Education

The specializations consist of four courses and corresponding Professional Semester III focus.

Advantages of Completing a Minor and/or Specialization

Completing a minor and/or a specialization allows students to develop expertise in a second area of teaching and be more versatile and marketable as a graduating teacher. For more information, see the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 8 - Education, Sections 7. Education Minors (p. 167) and 8. Education Specializations (p. 172).

Where to Get Help

You can start career research at your school counselling centre, at your local library, or on the Internet, including websites like Alberta Advanced Education and Technology (www.advancededucation.gov.ab.ca). There are also many programs and people at the University of Lethbridge to assist you with a choice of major. Career and Employment Services (CES) assists students and alumni with their career exploration needs (in particular, see "What Can I Do With a Major in...?" at www.uleth.ca/ross/ces/majors.html). Students may also contact an Academic Advisor in Student Program Services in the Faculty of Education (email: edu.sps@uleth.ca | phone: 403-329-2254) or in the Faculty of Arts and Science (email: artsci.advising@uleth.ca | phone: 403-329-5106).

Department of Modern Languages Placement Policy

Placement Test

Students will enrol in courses for which they have the prerequisite listed in the Calendar. However, in order to confirm their enrolment in 1000-level language courses (1000, 1100 or 1500) in French, German, Japanese, or Spanish, students must satisfy the requirements of a compulsory Placement Test. This test is administered at the first class meeting of these courses each semester. For further information on the Placement Test, students should read the Department's Placement Policy, available from the Department Advisor or from the Department Administrative Assistant. Students may also consult with the French, German, Japanese, or Spanish Language Coordinator if they have further questions.

Advanced Standing

As a general rule, the Department of Modern Languages does not permit students to register in courses for which they do not have the prerequisites listed in the Calendar. However, students who think that they have adequate background to do well in a course without the prerequisite may apply to the Department for a waiver of prerequisite.

Advanced Placement Exam

The Advanced Placement Exam is used to assess the knowledge of students who wish to enrol in French, German, Japanese, or Spanish 1100-, 1500- or 2000-level courses without the formal prerequisites. For information on the Advanced Placement Exam, students should read the Department's Placement Policy, available from the Department Advisor or the Department Administrative Assistant. Students may consult with the French, German, Japanese, or Spanish Language Coordinator if they have further questions.

Assessing Preparedness

Students wishing to enrol in a 3000- or 4000-level course without the official prerequisite should have their preparedness for the course assessed through an interview with the course instructor.

Prerequisite Waiver Forms

Application forms for prerequisite waivers may be obtained from the Department Administrative Assistant, from instructors or from the Department Advisor. A waiver of prerequisite is not granted until these forms are signed by both the appropriate instructor and the Department Chair. The signed forms must be presented at the Arts and Science Student Program Services Office (SU060) at the time of registration.

Program Requirements

The B.A./B.Ed. combined degrees program with a major in German/Modern Languages Education: German requires a minimum of 50 courses, including 30 in Arts and Science and 20 in Education. A minimum of 13 courses is required in the German major. A maximum of 17 courses in German is allowed.

Transfer Credit

Remember that you may use both University of Lethbridge credit and credit transferred from another college or university to meet degree and major requirements. Transfer credit may be either specified or unspecified. Specified credit is indicated on your transcript by the subject name and the specific number of the course, e.g., German 1000, 2300, etc. Unspecified credit (1XXX, 2XXX, etc.) is indicated by the subject name and level of the course in parentheses, e.g., German (1000 level), German (2000 level), etc.

Unspecified Course Credit

Unspecified course credit means that the University of Lethbridge does not offer the same course you transferred in, but we recognize it and treat it as a regular course. An unspecified course would count as one of your maximum of 17 from one department, but it could not meet a specific course requirement. For example, if German 1500 is required in your program, you could not use German (1000 level) to fulfill that requirement. Students with unspecified transfer credit need to consult an Academic Advisor to establish how the transfer credit fits in the degree program. This should be done as soon as possible after transfer credit is awarded.

Program Worksheet

Name: _____ ID: _____

Required Courses:

- _____ 1. German 2250 - German Immersion
Note: It is recommended that Modern Languages Education: German majors successfully complete German 2250 before enrolling in Professional Semester I.
- _____ 2. Linguistics 2300 - Introduction to Linguistics I: Phonetics and Phonology
- _____ 3-4. TWO German courses at the 4000 level:
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
- _____ 5-9. FIVE additional German courses at the 3000/4000 level:

1. _____	4. _____
2. _____	5. _____
3. _____	
- _____ 10-13. FOUR additional German courses:

1. _____	3. _____
2. _____	4. _____

Reminder: German 1000 and 1100 may not be taken for credit by students with German 30, 31, or equivalent.

German Visiting Student Program

1. Students will spend one or two semesters at a university in Germany, Switzerland, or Austria.
2. Students must enrol in a minimum of SIX courses: German 2250 at the UoFL, three German transfer courses eligible for credit at the 3000 level, and two German transfer courses eligible for credit at the 4000 level.
3. Students must apply in writing using the appropriate application form available from the Department of Modern Languages.
4. Students must obtain a Calendar from the chosen university and must draw up a study list of courses. Students should choose courses in consultation with the German Off-Campus Studies Coordinator. The study list must be approved by the Chair of the Department and the Student Program Services Office, Faculty of Arts and Science (SU060).
5. Students must arrange with the Cash Office for payment of fees by the appropriate deadlines.
6. Students must register for German 2250 at the Registrar's Office and Student Services (ROSS).

For complete details on the GVSP (e.g., application approval, eligibility for financial assistance, transfer credit upon return to the UoFL, etc.) see the German Off-Campus Studies Coordinator in the Department of Modern Languages.

Sample Sequencing Plan

Shown below is a sample sequence of courses for your degree. If you follow this plan, you should be able to graduate in five years, provided you complete five courses per semester. This is just one example of how you could complete your major and degree requirements; you may find that a different sequence works as well as this one.

<p>Year 1, Fall German 1500 GLER course GLER course GLER course GLER course</p> <p>Year 2, Fall Education 2500¹ German 3000 level Linguistics 2300 GLER course Elective</p>	<p>Year 1, Spring German 2000 German 2000 level GLER course GLER course GLER course</p> <p>Year 2, Spring German 2000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective Elective</p>
<p>Year 3, Fall and Spring German Visiting Student Program (GVSP)² (includes German 2250 and at least three German courses eligible for 3000-level transfer credit and two German courses eligible for 4000-level transfer credit)</p>	
<p>Year 4, Fall Professional Semester I</p> <p>Year 5, Fall Professional Semester III</p>	<p>Year 4, Spring Professional Semester II</p> <p>Year 5, Spring Education Foundation course Education elective Education elective Education elective German 3000/4000 level</p>

Elementary Education and Special/Inclusive Education students will reverse the Fall and Spring semesters in Year 5 and complete PS III in the Spring.

¹ Education 2500 may also be taken in Spring or Summer semester.

² The minimum requirements for the GVSP comprise a total of six courses. Students may wish to take four additional approved courses during this year or will need to complete four additional Arts and Science courses to satisfy degree requirements.

Terms Used

GLER course: A course that could count toward the General Liberal Education Requirement. You may use courses in your major towards this 12-course requirement. See the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 4 - Academic Regulations (p. 85) for complete information.

The Faculty of Arts and Science offers Liberal Education 1000 and 2000, specifically designed to introduce first-year students to the wide scope of human knowledge and teach essential university success skills, critical thinking, and integrative thinking (see the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 14 - Courses, p. 306). LBED 1000 and 2000 may be used toward satisfying the GLER.

Elective: A course that you may choose freely from all those available and applicable to your program. Use courses inside or outside your major, bearing in mind any restrictions that may apply (e.g., a maximum of 17 courses from any one department).

