



# INTERCULTURAL STUDIES AND LANGUAGES



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## AREA OF STUDIES

The Intercultural Studies and Languages major prepares students to engage thoughtfully and ethically in a complex, interconnected world. The program emphasizes global citizenship, cultural literacy, and critical thinking across disciplines. Students explore how people communicate, express meaning, construct values, and shape identities through language, culture, and thought. Drawing from philosophy, history, literature, and world languages, the major offers a rich, interdisciplinary foundation for understanding human experience across time and place. Core coursework examines the structure of human language, global linguistic diversity, cultural narratives, artistic expression, ethics, belief systems, and the social frameworks that shape understanding.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

1. International Development & Humanitarian Specialist
2. Foreign Service Officer
3. Cultural Exchange Coordinator
4. Educator
5. Interpreter

## Concentrations

**The Foreign Language and Culture Concentration** focuses on cross-cultural communication and linguistic proficiency through the study of modern languages. Students may choose a primary and secondary language from **Chinese, Japanese, French, German, and Spanish**. Emphasis is placed on developing intercultural competence, cultural literacy, and interpersonal skills needed to navigate a multilingual world.

**The Literary and Cultural Studies Concentration** explores social narratives, identity, and artistic expression through literature, cultural theory, and narrative and visual arts. Students learn to analyze how cultures are created, interpreted, and transformed while developing critical thinking and writing skills.

**The Ethics, Philosophy, and Economics Concentration** explores human values, philosophical traditions, and economic systems. Students examine ethics, virtues, and economic behavior, considering how technology and culture influence one another. This interdisciplinary approach equips students to assess ethical challenges and societal change, preparing them for leadership in diverse professional fields.

