Language & Literature-Related Majors

major	description	admission requirements	comments
Asian Languages and Literature	The principal languages of Asia and their literatures.	Minimum admission requirements. 20 credits primary language, last course 2.5 or higher; one W course, 2.0 or higher. 2.0 cumulative GPA required, but 2.5 recommended.	Available majors: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and South Asian languages. Courses in other languages available.
Classics	Ancient Greek and Roman civilizations, including languages, literature, history, philosophy, art, and archaeology.	Open admission. 2.0 GPA.	Available majors: Classical Studies, Classics, Greek, and Latin. Proficiency in Greek or Latin required in all programs.*
Comparative Literature	World literature; also, the relationship between literature and other fields of knowledge such as philosophy, religion, political thought, and the arts.	Open admission. 2.0 GPA.	Major must include at least one literature course taught in a language other than the student's native language. A Cinema Studies option is offered through the Comparative Literature major.
English	English, American, and related literature; literary history and criticism; expository and creative writing.	Competitive admission. 10 credits of ENGL 202 and 197; minimum 2.5 GPA in required ENGL courses; minimum 2.0 overall GPA. Must be enrolled at UW before applying to major.	Creative writing option is available, with competitive admission. B.A. degree also available through the Evening Degree Program.
Germanics	German language, literature, and civilization.	Open admission. 2.0 GPA. Completion of the first two college years of German, or equivalent.	2.5 GPA in upper-division GERMAN courses required for graduation. Available majors: German Language and Literature, and German Area Studies.
Humanities	Students explore diverse political, social and humanistic perspectives in the pursuit of their degrees. Coursework has been arranged to encourage greater understanding of issues, ideas and themes in history and the contemporary world.	Minimum admission requirements. 2.5 GPA. 75 credits completed.	2.25 GPA required in major. Evening Degree Program only.
Linguistics	The scientific study of language and the internal structures of languages as cognitive systems; method and theory of language description.	Minimum admission requirements. One college year of a foreign language. One W course and one Q/SR course; minimum 2.0 grade in each course and minimum 2.5 average in the two courses. 2.5 cumulative GPA recommended.	Required for graduation: one year of each of two languages, one of which must belong to a different family of languages than the student's native language. Major in Romance Linguistics also available.
Near Eastern Languages and Civilization	Languages and literary cultures of the Islamic and Semitic Near East, with an emphasis on cultural traditions.	Open admission. 2.0 GPA.	Fluency in at least one Near East language required.* Four options offered: Near Eastern Language and Civilization, Near Eastern Culture and Civilization, Comparative Islamic Studies, and Biblical and Ancient Studies.

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Philosophy	Study of the fundamental issues concerning reality, knowledge, and value; and study of the major intellectual disciplines.	Minimum admission requirements. 2.0 GPA. 10 credits of philosophy courses completed.	History and Philosophy of Science major also available.
Romance Languages and Literature	Romance languages, literature, and culture. Department has two divisions: French/Italian and Spanish/Portuguese.	French, Italian: Open admission. 2.0 GPA. Spanish: Minimum admission requirements. SPAN 203; minimum 2.70 GPA across all SPAN courses with minimum 2.5 in each; 5 credits English composition (minimum 2.5 grade). Must be enrolled at UW before applying to Spanish major.	Available majors: French, Spanish, and Italian. Other languages offered.
Scandinavian Studies	Languages, literatures, and cultures of the Baltic States, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.	Open admission. 2.0 GPA.	Fluency in a Scandinavian language required in all programs.* Available majors: Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, Swedish, and Scandinavian Studies. Courses in Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian also offered.
Slavic Languages and Literatures	Principal eastern European languages and their literatures.	Open admission. 2.0 GPA.	Fluency in a Slavic language required.* Minimum 2.5 GPA in all RUSS and SLAV courses. Available options: Russian Language, Literature, and Culture; Russian Language and History; and East European Languages and Culture.