

# WORLD LANGUAGES ADVANTAGE CERTIFICATE

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Proficiency in a World Language is a natural enhancement for a diverse range of professions. Certificate paths consists of a five-course sequence that culminates with a 3XX-level capstone. A minimum overall GPA of 2.00 overall and a GPA of 2.66 in the language specialization is a requirement for this certificate and must be maintained up to and including the final course in the sequence. All 3XX-level courses facilitate focused study of the target language in the student's targeted career track (Self-Determined Language Learning) and oral presentations that likewise allow for connections between target language and the student's career path. Students must complete at least three courses in the Buffalo State Modern and Classical Languages Department, with at least one course at the 3XX level. Any outside credit appeals are subject to departmental approval, and in some cases, a proficiency interview may be required of students seeking to apply outside course equivalents or CLEP credits to the certificate.

The World Language Advantage Certificate is a natural fit for a wide array of majors that target the global marketplace. The main tracks target ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) Intermediate-level proficiency, which is a baseline for workplace competence in a second language. Following is a description of Intermediate level, as outlined by ACTFL:

*Speakers at the Intermediate level are distinguished primarily by their ability to create with the language when talking about familiar topics related to their daily life. They are able to recombine learned material in order to express personal meaning. Intermediate level speakers can ask simple questions and can handle a straightforward survival situation. They produce sentence-level language, ranging from discrete sentences to strings of sentences, typically in present time. Intermediate-level speakers are understood by interlocutors who are accustomed to dealing with non-native learners of the language. (ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines, 2012, p. 7)*

Within the World Languages Advantage Certificate, there are several specialized 'languages for specific purposes' tracks that target ACTFL Advanced-level proficiency, and target specific career paths, including (but not limited to): professional French or Spanish and Educational Spanish. Following is a general description of ACTFL-Advanced:

*Speakers at the Advanced level engage in conversation in a clearly participatory manner in order to communicate information on autobiographical topics, as well as topics of community, national, or international interest. The topics are handled concretely by means of narration and description in the major times frames of past, present, and future. These speakers can also deal with a social situation with an unexpected complication. The language of Advanced-level speakers is abundant, the oral paragraph being the measure of Advanced-level length and discourse. Advanced-level speakers have sufficient control of basic structures and generic vocabulary to be understood by native speakers of the language, including those unaccustomed to non-native speech. (ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines, 2012, p. 5)*

As the demand for proficiency in another language increases, new specializations are likely to emerge, depending on demand. Even if students do not directly enroll in these specialized tracks, from the 202 level-onward, they can expect more and more opportunities to engage with the language in contemporary professional settings.

The certificate tracks are as follows:

### World Language Advantage: Chinese

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
CHI 101	BEGINNING CHINESE I	3
CHI 102	BEGINNING CHINESE II	3
CHI 201	INTERMEDIATE CHINESE I	3
CHI 202	INTERMEDIATE CHINESE II	3
CHI 301	CHINESE CONVERSATION AND COMPOSITION I	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

### World Language Advantage: French

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
FRE 101	BEGINNING FRENCH I	3
FRE 102	BEGINNING FRENCH II	3
FRE 201	INTERMEDIATE FRENCH I	3
FRE 202	INTERMEDIATE FRENCH II	3
FRE 301	INTRODUCTION TO FRANCOPHONE CULTURE	3

World Language Advantage: German

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
GER 101	BEGINNING GERMAN I	3
GER 102	BEGINNING GERMAN II	3
GER 201	INTERMEDIATE GERMAN I	3
GER 202	INTERMEDIATE GERMAN II	3
GER 301	GERMAN CONVERSATION AND COMPOSITION I	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

World Language Advantage: Italian

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
ITA 101	BEGINNING ITALIAN I	3
ITA 102	BEGINNING ITALIAN II	3
ITA 201	INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN I	3
ITA 202	INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN II	3
ITA 301	ITALIAN CONVERSATION AND COMPOSITION	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

World Language Advantage: Spanish

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
SPA 101	BEGINNING SPANISH I	3
SPA 102	BEGINNING SPANISH II	3
SPA 201	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH I	3
SPA 202	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH II	3
SPA 301	INTRODUCTION TO HISPANIC CULTURES	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

World Language Advantage: Professional French

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
FRE 203	WORKPLACE FRENCH I	3
FRE 204	WORKPLACE FRENCH II	3
FRE 301	INTRODUCTION TO FRANCOPHONE CULTURE	3
FRE 302	INTRODUCTION TO FRANCOPHONE MEDIA	3
FRE 310	ISSUES IN PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

World Language Advantage: Professional Spanish

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
SPA 203	PROFESSIONAL SPANISH I	3
SPA 204	PROFESSIONAL SPANISH II	3

SPA 301	INTRODUCTION TO HISPANIC CULTURES	3
SPA 302	INTRODUCTION TO HISPANIC MEDIA	3
SPA 317	BUSINESS SPANISH	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

World Language Advantage: Spanish for Education Professionals

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
SPA 200	SPANISH FOR EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS I	3
SPA 206	SPANISH FOR EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS II	3
SPA 301	INTRODUCTION TO HISPANIC CULTURES	3
SPA 302	INTRODUCTION TO HISPANIC MEDIA	3
SPA 321	ISSUES AND THEMES IN CONTEMPORARY HISPANIC CULTURES	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>