

College of Arts and Sciences Foundation Profile

Department of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics

I. Description

The Department of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics offers Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in Language Studies as well as an array of minors and certificates for students to demonstrate language specialties or to teach English as a second language. Our flexible curriculum allows us to offer popular languages, such as Spanish, and to react quickly to community needs for beginning classes in less commonly taught languages. The Department takes a leading role in promoting multicultural competence at ISU with cultural activities and reflection on cultural differences from the lowest levels of our classes to our co-sponsorship of ISU events and our service to the community and the State.

II. Points of Pride

1. Most diverse Master's program on campus (40 students from 12 countries in 2011)
2. Fast growing undergraduate programs (over 120 first and second majors and 160 minors)
3. Required study abroad for majors, but high percentage of minors elect to study abroad also
4. Almost 100% employment upon completion of Master's students and undergraduate teaching majors
5. Unique unified program fostering learning more than one language and how learn other languages in the future
6. Strong emphasis on collaboration among languages and graduate/undergraduate levels

III. Vision

To be a large, multicultural department that is able to offer a wide number of languages, to support graduate students to teach those languages, to meet the scholarship needs of our undergraduate and graduate students for study abroad, and to provide language services to the greater community. Our programs are models that other universities recognize and emulate for their ability to produce strong language learners with cultural knowledge and sensitivity necessary for effective engagement with diverse populations in Indiana and throughout the world.

IV. Opportunities for Philanthropic Support

- *Opportunities for Naming:* Department, Language Laboratory, faculty positions, endowed chairs. \$500,000 - \$2,000,000
- *Endowed Scholarships* – to provide tuition and fees for domestic or international undergraduate or graduate students in the department, in linguistics, or in specific languages. Minimum \$10,000 to name a scholarship
- *Endowed lecture series:* allows for well-known scholars in Languages, Literatures, or Linguistics to visit the campus and give a public lecture. \$20,000
- *Undergraduate Study Abroad Expenses:* provides funds for undergraduates to study abroad. \$5000 per year
- *Graduate Research Expenses:* provides funds for graduate students to research or study abroad and to travel to conferences to present their findings. \$5000 per year
- *Language Services Expenses:* provides funds to provide translation and interpretation services to the community. \$5000 per year