FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

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Program Description
The study of foreign languages provides a means of understanding the people and cultures of the world in which we live. Students who complete two semesters (8 credits) of study in the same language can use the credits to fill the foreign language requirement for an Associate of Arts degree, and students who complete four semesters (16 credits) of the same language may qualify to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree. Some programs have specific language requirements or restrictions, so students should consult with their academic advisor.

Currently, beginning and intermediate classes are taught in American Sign Language, French, German, Japanese, and Spanish. In some of the languages, the second year and the first year classes may be taught in alternating years to ensure that students can fill graduation requirements.

Spanish students can pursue a bachelor’s degree in Integrated Studies with a Spanish Emphasis, or they have the option of taking upper division courses for electives or for personal interest in grammar and composition, literature, business Spanish, conversation, and culture.

Students who have learned a second language may receive credits for their experience in two ways: by receiving vertical credits or by testing. A student who studies multiple years of a language in high school, for example, might be able to skip the 1010 course and begin with a 1020 level class. By passing the higher level class with a C grade or higher, the student can pay a fee and receive “vertical” credits for the class that was skipped. Other students who have learned a second language by living in another country might take a French, Japanese, or German 2010 or 2020 class and receive vertical credits, or a student who learned Spanish by living in another country could take Spanish 3060 and by passing with a C grade or higher receive credits for 1010, 1020, 2010, and 2020 by paying the appropriate fee.

Students can also take the BYU Foreign Language Test (FLATS) and receive up to 12 credits. Students should be aware that if they are seeking a bachelor of arts degree, they will need additional course(s) to full the requirement of 16 credits.

Clubs
Cine Club en Español is an extra-curricular activity open to all levels students, faculty, staff, and friends of DSC. Watch a movie in its original language while practicing your listening skills, inform yourself about interesting topics, and have fun! Every semester we will show six films with a common topic (except for Summer when we will feature a miscellaneous selection of movies).