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The Department of European Languages, Literatures, and Cultures fosters teaching and research in modern and classical European languages, literatures, and cultures at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Many courses in English translation also offer access to this field to students with a general interest in the Western tradition. The Department prepares students for post-graduate professional training, graduate study, and for a global market in which knowledge of other languages and cultures is increasingly essential. In addition, the Department promotes the training of secondary school language teachers in European languages through a program that conforms to the requirements in the New York State Regents Guidelines.

See individual listings for requirements for the majors and minors in: Classical Civilization, European Studies, French, German, Italian, Medieval Studies, and Russian.

Study Abroad

The Department strongly recommends both majors and minors to complete some of their coursework abroad in the junior or senior year. The University maintains exchange programs during the academic year and in the summer in Montpellier, France; Tübingen, Germany; Rome, Italy; Krakow, Poland; and St. Petersburg, Russia. There are several other programs in Germany, Poland, and Russia sponsored by other SUNY colleges and universities. See the Special Academic Opportunities chapter in this Bulletin and the Study Abroad Office for further details.