

WORLD LANGUAGES, LITERATURE & CULTURES

MISSION: Representing many world languages, literatures and cultures, our dedicated faculty promote excellence in research, teaching and professional service. Committed to cultural diversity and inclusivity, we teach our undergraduate and graduate students communication, critical thinking and research skills for competitive employment around the world.

VISION: We strive to establish a reputation both nationally and internationally in research, teaching and professional service. Seeking harmony in diversity, we foster global literacy, responsible citizenship and interdisciplinary.

Enhance your marketable skills through:

- Minor(s) and Undergraduate Academic Certificates
- Internship(s)
- Study Abroad experiences
- Be a Tutor
- Undergraduate Teaching Assistants

Notable Alumni Careers:

- Novelist
- Professor
- Interpreter
- Flight Attendant

Career Opportunities:

- Education
- Translation Communications
- Government/Civil Service Law
- Business
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Tourism/Hospitality/Travel
- Arts/Entertainment/Media
- Community Development
- Science/Health Services Technology

Student Organizations:

- Bilingual/ESL Student Organization
- German Club
- Anime

Professional Organizations:

- Dobro Slovo National Slavic Honor Society
- French Honor Society
- German National Honor Society
- Japanese National Honor Society

Complementary Minors/ Undergraduate Academic Certificates

- Arabic/Chinese/French/German/Italian/Japanese
- Latin/Linguistics/Russian/Sign Language
- Professional French Certificate
- Certificate of Achievement in Japanese
- Arab & Islamic Studies Certificate
- Asian Studies
- Ethnic Studies
- International Studies

Department Highlights:

- BA French
- BA French, with grad track option leading to MA French
- BA Japanese
- BA German
- STARTALK Program—Intensive summer program to learn novice level Russian or Chinese

Fun Fact: STARTALK 2018 summer Program featured on NBC News Channel 5, DFW

Faculty Expertise:



Laetitia Knight: Faculty advisor - Senior Lecturer of French

Professor Knight has been teaching French at UNT since 2009. She teaches all levels of French from beginner to advanced, and particularly enjoys teaching French Phonetics, Contemporary Culture, and French for Specific Purpose courses such as French for Science and Technology or Business French.

A native of the South of France where she received both her Master's degrees in French as a Foreign Language and ESL, Professor Knight's area of interest includes Second Language Acquisition, Interlanguage Pragmatics and Language Teaching. She has been faculty advisor for the Department of World Languages since January 2017.

Angela Harris: Lecturer of Japanese Professor Harris began teaching at the University of North Texas in fall of 2017. She has carried out research on pre-modern Japanese history and literature and worked to develop a teaching style that emphasizes the joy of communicating in a new language and the importance of collaboration between teacher and student. Her goal is to help students to reach new levels of confidence in communicating in Japanese and to help them to nurture the love for Japanese language and culture that will drive them forward in strengthening their language skills. She has taught courses in Japanese language at all levels and plans in the future to develop courses introducing students to Japanese literature and to the art of translation.



Carmen Terry: Principal Lecturer of German

In summer 2016, Carmen Terry, principal lecturer, organized and directed a program at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg (founded in 1457), and had the opportunity to meet German students of their own age and interests. This was a very enjoyable and educational experience for them, and the majority of the students from this group, declared German as a major or a minor upon their return. Among other attractions, the group visited Heidelberg, where the oldest German university is located. They also traveled to Strasbourg in Alsace-Lorraine in France, and to Lucerne in Switzerland. Strasbourg still preserves a strong German presence, and students could learn more about the history and culture of this place. Professor Terry has directed the summer study abroad to Germany since 2007. The first location of the program was in Leipzig, and in 2013, it moved to Freiburg.