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Professionals who know other languages are called on to travel and exchange information with diverse groups. Knowing more than one language enhances opportunities in government, business, law, medicine and health care, teaching, technology, the military, communications. Employers will see you as a bridge to new clients or customers if you know a second language.

Dylan Rinker
Currently a PhD Graduate student in French at the University of Indiana
Year of Graduation: 2014

"Before Drury, I never had any French courses, so everything I've been able to do in French, that's all been done within the four-year period that I've been at Drury. I think that goes to show that you can come to Drury with no experience. You can come here and in four years you can leave fluent in a language."

Jazmin Roman
Bilingual Victim Advocate at Northwest Arkansas Rape Crisis Center
Year of Graduation: 2013

"My studies as a Spanish major instilled cultural sensitivity and awareness, which are necessary to better serve and understand survivors effectively."

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DID YOU KNOW?
Nine departments of the federal government have identified competence in critical languages as vital to our country’s future. The departments also note the importance of foreign language study in general and the heightening of awareness about the world beyond U.S. borders given the small numbers of Americans who can speak a second language.

SPANISH
Drury offers a major and minor in Spanish language, culture, literature and history. Courses in the major will increase your communication skills in Spanish, and introduce you to the Hispanic communities of the United States and the world by studying language, literature, film and history.

The department sponsors a range of opportunities to study abroad in Spanish-speaking countries. Drury offers a year-round study abroad program in Granada, Spain and various short-term summer programs in Spain and Mexico as well as Central and South America.

Drury students hone their skills in cultural interaction and build professional experience by participating in internships and completing community service projects in the Hispanic Community.

Drury’s Spanish club—Club Ñ, provides a fun, non-academic space to explore new foods, new films and to meet new people. Check out the current activities on Facebook by searching for “Club Ñ”.

FRENCH
The French major and minor are designed to introduce students to the cultural and literary traditions of France and the Francophone world. Students will engage deeply with the language, culture and history of the more than 200 million people who make up the French-speaking world.

Drury University offers a semester study abroad program in Poitiers, France and regular short-term summer study abroad trips cities such as Paris and Tours, France.

French students complete individual service projects as part of their major or minor to gain professional experience and help contribute to the teaching of French language and culture in the local community.

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STRATEGIC LANGUAGES
Arabic, Modern and Classical Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin, Portuguese, Russian

Both on the Drury Campus, and through the Foreign Language Institute, language study provides the opportunity to learn and increase their communication skills in many ways.

Modern Greek is offered to support students’ travel to Drury’s Greek campus in Aigina, Greece—and classical languages support students with an interest in biblical and philosophical studies.

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DID YOU KNOW?
U.S. Census data show that the Hispanic population of the United States has increased by 320% since 1990. Government projections place the total Hispanic population at 20% of the total U.S. population by the year 2030.