



DEPARTMENT OF

LANGUAGES & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

About Languages & International Studies

Our world has all types of formal and informal interactions between people of varied backgrounds and languages. During this era of rapid globalization, more than ever before, everyone can benefit from the vital skills of languages, cultural knowledge, and global competency. In the Doctrine and Covenants we are counseled to learn "of things which are at home [and] things which are abroad: the wars and the perplexities of the nations, and the judgments which are on the land; and a knowledge also of countries and of kingdoms-that ye may be prepared in all things when I shall send you again to magnify the calling whereunto I have called you, and the mission with which I have commissioned you" (Doctrine and Covenants 88:79-80). We are further counseled in the 90th Section to "study and learn, and become acquainted with all good books, and with languages, tongues, and people" (Doctrine and Covenants 90:15).

The Department of Languages and International Studies at BYU-Idaho helps students to build speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills, as well as cultural awareness, in four languages from the beginning to advanced level (Chinese, French, Russian, and Spanish). Students majoring in other disciplines often increase their future career opportunities by gaining a working knowledge of a foreign language and broadening their cultural horizons.



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Welcome to the Department of Language and International Studies! My name is Trever McKay. I currently serve as the Languages and International Studies Department Chair. In our department, we have two majors (International Studies and Spanish Education), teach a variety of languages (Spanish, French, Chinese and Russian), and train students to Teach English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). Department faculty are committed to helping students gain language proficiency, cultural knowledge, and global competency.

Majors

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

<https://www.byui.edu/majors/international-studies-bs>

The purpose of the International Studies program is to provide an avenue for students wishing to maximize the opportunity for linguistic and international competence while developing a disciplinary specialty that would allow them to enter the workforce directly or to prepare them for graduate school in a number of different disciplines or professions. This degree is unique in its structure, including core requirements in international studies, political science, geography, economics, social innovation, language, and culture. Students also select a career module in Business, Economics, Geography (GIS), or Policy. Students must demonstrate language proficiency at the third-year level and complete an internship or international study experience. The major has built in flexibility that allows students to choose a minor or cluster.

SPANISH EDUCATION

<https://www.byui.edu/majors/spanish-education-bs>

If sharing your love of the Spanish language and of Hispanic cultures is your passion, this is your program. This major prepares students to teach Spanish at the secondary education level (high school and junior high). Coursework in the major will help you to develop speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills, as well as cultural awareness.

Minors and Language Classes

TESOL <http://www.byui.edu/languages-international-studies/tesol>

Spanish <http://www.byui.edu/languages-international-studies/foreign-languages/spanish>

Chinese <http://www.byui.edu/languages-international-studies/foreign-languages/chinese>

French <http://www.byui.edu/languages-international-studies/foreign-languages/french>

Russian <http://www.byui.edu/languages-international-studies/foreign-languages/russian>

Department Website

Information about majors, minors, language classes, TESOL, language exams, faculty, careers, internships, study abroad, internships and program specific details can be found at:

<http://www.byui.edu/languages-international-studies>

Study Abroad

BYU-Idaho students are welcome to apply to any BYU Kennedy Center Study Abroad Program.

<http://www.byui.edu/languages-international-studies/study-abroad>

Language Exams/ Placement Exams

Information regarding language placement exams, vertical credit and FLATS language exams can be found at:

<http://www.byui.edu/languages-international-studies/language-exams>



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Again, welcome to the Department of Languages and International Studies. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are excited to get to know you!

Sincerely,
Trever McKay

BYU-Idaho Campus Map

Language and International Studies courses are primarily held in the Smith building.

