

## **IF YOU LOVE LANGUAGE, WHY NOT TEACH?**

There is no better way to share your love of the language than by teaching others; and there is no better time to teach than now. Currently there is a critical shortage of certified language teachers in the US, and full-time certified language teachers who work in a certified Kentucky public or private non-profit school may be eligible to receive forgiveness of student loans. For more information call 888.678.4625 for **BEST IN CLASS** or visit [www.studentloanpeople.com](http://www.studentloanpeople.com)

The program of study leading to certification in French, German, or Spanish combines coursework in the Department of Modern Languages and in the College of Education. For more information, please contact the departmental advisor, Susann Davis, or the department head, Carol Wilkerson.

Here is what language teachers say about their career choice:

**Even after 30+ years, I absolutely love teaching languages. It is a joy to help others recognize the value of knowing other languages and cultures. My favorite part is when students are excited to share how they have used the language outside the classroom. Patricia Carlin, Arkansas**

**I love sharing my love of language with my students. Several of them have been able to use their learned language skills in their jobs and their travel. It's really fun to interact with young people and help them to learn. Jan Chamberlin, Kentucky**

**Teaching French has been a wonderful experience because I have had the opportunity to teach others about something I love very much--French and the French-Speaking World. Seeing students learn to express themselves in a new language, building on that skill, and learning about the culture of that language is just plain exciting! Jim Chesnut, Georgia**

**Seeing other people learning to speak and understand a world language gives me a unique perspective on the incredibly creative abilities that our minds possess. Inma Pertusa S., Spain**

**Teaching languages is the most creative career that I can imagine. I learn something new everyday from interacting with students. Carol Wilkerson, Kentucky**

## Course Requirements for P-12 Teacher Certification in French, German and Spanish

Certification in French, German, or Spanish requires completion of the following content and education courses. In addition, students must arrange to take an official Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) *prior to student teaching*. The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), in collaboration with the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), recommends that students achieve a rating of Advanced Low on the OPI before they are licensed to teach.

### Content courses

French	German	Spanish
FREN 101	GERM 101	SPAN 101
FREN 102	GERM 102	SPAN 102
FREN 201	GERM 201	SPAN 201
FREN 202	GERM 202	SPAN 202
FREN 320 or FREN 420	GERM 314	SPAN 370
FREN 323	GERM 330	SPAN 371
FREN 421	GERM 335	SPAN 372 or SPAN 373
Upper-division literature course	GERM 430	SPAN 374 or SPAN 376 SPAN 470

Four additional French courses at the 300 or 400 level for a total of 36 or more credit hours.

Four additional German courses at the 300 or 400 level for a total of 36 or more credit hours.

Three additional Spanish courses at the 300 or 400 level for a total of 36 or more credit hours.

### Education courses

* EDU 250	Introduction to Education	3
PSY 310	Educational Psychology	3
EXED 330	Intro to Exceptional Child Education	3
SEC 351	Teaching Strategies for Sec. School	3
** SEC 453	Management of Instruction	3
MLNG 410	Second Language Acquisition	3
** MLNG 474	Teaching Foreign Language	3
EDU 489	Student Teaching Seminar	3
SEC 490	Student Teaching	10
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>34</b>

\*Students who wish to transfer this course from another institution are *required* to contact Teacher Admissions (745-6571) for orientation meeting dates. Attendance at one WKU orientation meeting is required to start the admission process to WKU's teacher education program.

\*\*Students must be fully admitted to Teacher Education (their file must be complete) *before* enrolling in these courses.

For more information contact the Modern Language Academic Advisor at 745-6478 or 745-2401

This program of study supersedes any previous information