Modern Languages Major
(12 units)
The modern languages major is designed for students who are language-oriented. It is in line with the college’s policy of liberal arts in practice and is highly desirable for students interested in international communications. For this major, a student draws up a comprehensive plan of studies that will include specific academic goals. The plan must be submitted to the department of modern languages and literatures for approval and be officially accepted before the student may declare the major.

Students who begin their study of the principal language at the 100-level will construct a major program in consultation with their advisor; this program will not exceed 11 units in the department nor more than 15 units total.

1. Eleven departmental units:
   a. Six units from either French, German, or Spanish at the 200-level or above; or Chinese, Japanese, and Russian from 110 or above. Courses must be taught in the principal language and must include:
      i. One unit of civilization/culture.
      ii. One unit of advanced composition or stylistics.
      iii. One unit of literature.
   b. Five units in no more than two modern foreign languages other than the one chosen under 1.a., above.
   c. Exceptions to the above must be approved by the department.

2. Supporting course (1 unit):

3. One relevant non-departmental course chosen in consultation with the advisor.

4. Students may count toward the modern languages major no more than 2 units of a language not regularly taught at Beloit.

5. The modern languages major normally spends at least a semester in a country in which his or her primary foreign language is spoken. The student should have, whenever possible, similar experience of the other languages and peoples included in the plan. This may be accomplished by studying abroad for a semester or academic year, by working abroad on a field term, or by private travel and work abroad during vacation terms. With the consent of the advisor, some courses completed abroad may be used toward the major.

6. Majors are highly encouraged to live at least one semester in a relevant language house.

7. Writing/communication: See item 7 under Fields of Concentration.