What **languages** can do for **you**!

Meet the faculty and instructors of the Department of Modern Languages & Literatures, and learn how they can help you.

**Thursday, September 5, 2013**
**Pryz, Great Room**
**6:00-7:30pm**
Department of Modern Languages and Literatures
Welcome!

From 5 Continents in 8 Languages
Our Language Faculty

Devoted Teachers
Active Scholars
Citizens of the World
Your Choices:

• Arabic
  Fulfill your language requirement
  Interdisciplinary minors and certificates

• Chinese

• French
  Fulfill your language requirement

• German
  Minor and Major in
  French, German, Italian Studies, Spanish

• Italian

• Spanish

• Irish
  Introductory language and culture courses

• Portuguese
Interdisciplinary Degrees

- Certificate in European Studies
- Certificate and Minor in Islamic World Studies
- Minor in Latin American and Latino Studies
- Interdisciplinary Minor in Asian Studies
Learn Modern Standard Arabic!

Minor and Certificate in Islamic World Studies
Learn Mandarin Chinese!

Interdisciplinary Minor
with a Focus in Asian Studies
Learn French!

Minor in French
Major in French
Learn German!

Minor or Major
in German
Learn Irish!

Learn the language of your ancestors!
Learn Italian!

Minor and Major in Italian Studies
Learn Portuguese!

Introductory Language Courses in Brazilian Portuguese
Learn Spanish!

Minor in Spanish
Major in Spanish and Spanish for International Service

Certificate in Spanish for Health Care
What Languages Do for you:

Tim Schmalz

CUA alumnus: Psychology major, German minor

Fulbright recipient

Graduate student at the BMW Center for German and European Studies at Georgetown University
What Languages Do for you:

Grace Xerri

CUA alumna: Media Studies major, Italian Studies minor

Currently serving as an assistant on CUA’s Rome campus

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What Languages Do for you:

Dr. Daniel Colon

PhD in Spanish from the University of Notre Dame

Clinical Assistant Professor of Spanish at CUA
Boost your Language IQ!

Strategies to enhance your language learning
#1: Take advantage of every opportunity to use the language

- Mentally rehearse answers in class even if you are not called on
- Watch movies
- Listen to music
More opportunities: **Speak out!**

- “Speak” to yourself
- Read the textbook **out loud**
- Speak to classmates and others in town
- Go to your instructor’s office hours
- Visit the language tables and coffee hours
#2: Be a Language Detective

- Know **why** you are learning what you are learning
- Look for **patterns** and **exceptions** to the patterns
- Look for **similarities and differences** from languages you know
- Pay attention to **details**
#3: Use your **study** time wisely

- Do something **everyday**
- Divide study into 15-20 minutes **chunks**
- Be **active** – write, read out loud, DO exercises
- Form **study groups**
Interested in Hearing More?

Wednesday,  
September 25, 2013 
7:00pm  
Pryzbyla Center

**WORKSHOP:** 
How to Succeed at Foreign Languages
Learn from Successful Learners

• Davon Lee
  – Nursing major, Chinese 203 student

• John Sullivan
  – Politics major, Arabic 104 student

• Dylan Himmerich
  – Theology/Religious Studies major, French minor

• Mary Catherine O’Neill
  – CUA alumna, Spanish major class of 2013
The Five “C”s

• Communication
• Culture
• Connections with other disciplines
• Comparisons with the native languages and cultures
• Communities: Use of the foreign language outside the classroom
Why Should You Learn Languages

“If you talk to man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. But if you speak to a man in his own language, that goes to his heart.”

(Nelson Mandela)
Why Should You Learn Languages

Die Grenzen meiner Sprache bedeuten die Grenzen meiner Welt.

The limits of my language are the limits of my universe.

(Ludwig Wittgenstein)
Become a World Citizen

Cross-cultural capability

Embrace Cultural “Otherness”

Intercultural Competence

(Alternative) Global Perspectives

Acquire Cultural Empathy
Can speaking a second language make you a better leader?

By Jena McGregor
Increase Your Job Opportunities

✓ US Government
✓ National and International Business
✓ Education
✓ Public Relations
✓ Social Services
✓ Health Care
Train your Brain

Bilingual and multilingual speakers are less likely to develop Alzheimers or Dementia.

Learning languages increases mental agility.

Multilingual people are better at multitasking.

New York Times, March 17, 2012

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Learn How to Cook!
Participate in CUA’s World Cup!

September 22, 1pm
Service at Home

Service Opportunity

Interested in service projects for the Brookland community?

Do you speak Spanish or French?

The E. W. Stokes Public Charter School Needs You!

Located in Brookland, Stokes offers a bilingual immersion program in either French or Spanish and they are currently recruiting volunteers for the year 2013/2014 for:

- Tutorial support for small-group instruction (weekdays)
- Tutoring with students and parents (weekends)
- Translation of the school’s website
- Translation of the school’s weekly newsletter

For more information, please contact:
Dr. Claudia Bornholdt at bornholdt@cua.edu

Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School
Travel the World!

Spring Break in Vienna, Venice, Madrid

Semesters in China, Taiwan, Morocco, South and Central America, Europe
Language = Culture = Immersion

Meet some of our students who have just returned from studying abroad:

Richard Bochicchio (Politics major, Asian Studies minor)

Alyssa Badolato (History major, Italian Studies minor)
Global Village at CUA!

Freshmen Learning Community: Camalier and Reardon

Global Village
International Hour
Wednesday, September 4
7:30—8:30 pm
Reardon House
LANGUAGES...

... provide opportunities
... open the doors to internships and jobs
... prepare you for travel and study abroad
... give you linguistic and cultural competence which are in high demand on the job market
... are a lot of fun!
Would you like to learn more?

Visit the MLL Website or stop by in McMahon 208 to speak to one of us!
Curious? Visit the Language Sessions!