



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Year 1** Take The National Imagination
- Year 2** Finish your intermediate foreign language courses and start perfecting your writing and reading skills
- Year 3** Immerse yourself in study abroad and develop a near-native fluency
- Year 4** Finish your courses and complete the capstone

## Introduction to the Major

**Widen your circle of conversation and be prepared to forge connections across languages and cultures near and far.**

The combined languages major focuses on the study of languages and cultures to better understand political dynamics, historical shifts, religious differences, and international relations, which are all more important than ever in our increasingly global society. Explore and critique how languages have been used to build and promote cultural identity and continuity. Learn from faculty members who research diverse literary and linguistic traditions around the world.

## CORE COURSES

Fourteen courses are required in the major, including eight in languages, four complementary courses, two units of study abroad, and a capstone. The National Imagination is a foundational course that explores how language and cultural productions have been used to build, question, and challenge cultural identities. Courses in the major include:

- Analyzing Stories and Poems
- Popular Culture in France
- Contemporary Literary Theory
- Japanese Pop Culture
- Combined languages capstone in Spanish or French

**“Challenge convention: speak more than three languages at a time!”**



# COMBINED LANGUAGES

Bachelor of Arts

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DESIGN  
YOUR  
JOURNEY



Explore  
and navigate  
Clark curriculum



Connect  
and engage  
with communities



Discover  
and pursue  
your passions



Develop  
professional  
skills



Reflect,  
design  
and plan

YEAR

1

YEAR

2



## □ Curious about the major?

Stop by Estabrook Hall to tour the department and meet faculty and staff. Explore the combined languages curriculum.



## □ Look ahead

Meet with your advisor to start identifying First-Year Intensive (FYI) and Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) courses that align with your interests and goals.



## □ Learn about campus resources

Make ClarkYou your default homepage and explore student resources related to academics, campus life, and health and wellness. Go to the Writing Center, visit the Career Lab in ASEC, and log in to Handshake to find career exploration events.



## □ Explore the wider community

Discover community-based learning opportunities in the Worcester area and get involved through the Office of Community Engagement and Volunteering.



## □ Gain new experiences

Join a student club such as Clark's Model United Nations, Amnesty International, or Salsa Encendida. Visit the Language Arts Resource Center, a multimedia language instruction center where you can listen to news broadcasts from around the world.



## □ Reflect on what sparks your interest

What new interests have you discovered? What are you excited about? Work with your advisor to start mapping out courses and activities for the next three years.



## □ Dig into the major and define your interests

As you explore new courses and other experiences, you will gain a deeper understanding of how cultural productions (literature, film, journalism, multimedia) work across diverse geographies and national cultures.



## □ Get connected

Look into internship, summer job, or research possibilities. Opportunity funding is available through the Career Connections Center (CCC).



## □ Develop your skills

Practice close reading, critical thinking, and interpretive skills that you will use in your studies and your professional life. Work on fine-tuning your skills in the target languages.



## □ Build your resume

This will help you prepare for any opportunities you want to pursue. Use the CCC template. Upload to Handshake for review and feedback.



## □ Consider study abroad

Where do you want to go? What do you want to learn and experience? Visit the Study Abroad Office to learn about opportunities that align with your interests and goals.



## □ Start networking

Join ClarkCONNECT to meet alumni, explore possible internships, and make professional contacts.



## □ Reflect on your experiences

What career options are you now considering? What questions do you have about potential career paths?

# WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

## JOBS & EMPLOYERS

Graduates pursue careers in education, law, diplomacy, business, the arts, medicine, international development, and many other fields, in the U.S. and abroad.

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Alumni pursue graduate study in journalism, education, international relations, and many other fields at top schools across the country and around the world.

## YEAR 3

## YEAR 4



### Share what you have learned and give back

Work as a Peer Learning Assistant for a language class. Mentor first- and second-year students. Work with the wider community through a Problems of Practice (PoP) course.



### Reach a higher level

Ramp up your skills by taking advanced language classes at other colleges within the Higher Education Consortium of Central Massachusetts.



### Get out of here

Study abroad or away to broaden your perspective and experience through language study and volunteer and internship opportunities. Total immersion is the best way to develop fluency and deepen your cultural understanding.



### Keep networking

Join the CCC's Alumni Job Shadow Program to connect with alumni, learn about what they do, and experience a day on the job in a field of interest. Participate in career-related events on and off campus.



### Consider graduate school

Explore if graduate school is right for you with these resources from the Career Connections Center. Talk over options with faculty members and your advisor.



### Plan for senior year and beyond

What are your goals after graduation? Connect with your career advisor to strategize and plan. Identify faculty who know you well and will serve as references or write letters of recommendation.



### Pull it together with your capstone

Use your critical thinking, cross-cultural communication, and linguistic skills to complete your capstone through a seminar, project, or honors thesis. Your advisor and faculty can help you chart your course.



### No regrets!

What's on your Clark bucket list? Where do you still need to build experience and skills? Take time for things you are passionate about.



### Show your work

Present your research or other projects at ClarkFEST in the fall or spring. Share your own work and support your fellow students.



### Use your resources

Attend career-related events to meet recruiters and learn about opportunities. Schedule a mock job interview through the CCC to get feedback.



### Engage and strengthen your networks

Seek out mentors in your field and keep connecting with alumni on ClarkCONNECT.



### Get ready to launch

Update your professional profiles including LinkedIn. Find ways to demonstrate qualities such as leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and initiative.



### Ask yourself the big questions

Reflect on what you have learned and experienced. How have you changed as a student and a person? How can you apply your values in your life and career? Celebrate your accomplishments!



## AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR!

**At Clark, your combined languages education extends beyond the classroom.**

The combined languages major prepares you for an increasingly global world in which citizens need to adapt to diverse situations with a deep understanding of their context. Employers are looking for people with critical thinking and communication skills, creativity, and cross-cultural understanding. Many students volunteer and participate in internships in the community during the academic year or over the summer to apply their learning, gain real-world experience, and explore ideas for career directions.

## CONNECT WITH US!

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## Advising

**We are here to support your academic and personal journey.**

In your first year at Clark, you will be assigned an advisor to help select your courses. Once you declare your major, combined languages faculty will advise you.

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