American River College offers courses in foreign languages designed to help students develop a command of a variety of languages necessary to pursue career, transfer and degree goals.

**Language Studies Degree**

The Language Studies degree provides an area of emphasis in communication skills in both English and foreign languages. It is intended for students wishing to develop communication skills for the work place. Students who work closely with their counselors can use this area of emphasis to prepare for majoring at a four-year college in foreign languages as well as any other majors which require proficiency in one or more foreign languages.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:
- write expository and argumentative papers.
- synthesize ideas and develop conclusions.
- examine the connection between culture and communication.
- engage in conversation and written correspondence in a language other than English.

**Requirements for Degree**

18 Units

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Associate Degree Requirements: The Language Studies Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See ARC graduation requirements.

**Spanish A.A. for Transfer (AA-T) Degree**

This degree provides students with a major that fulfills the general requirements of the California State University for transfer. Students with this degree will receive priority admission with junior status to the California State University system. The Associate in Arts degree in Spanish for Transfer (AA-T) may be obtained by the completion of 60 transferable, semester units with a minimum 2.0 GPA, including (a) the major or area of emphasis described in the Required Program outlined below (earning a C or better in these courses) and (b) either the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education Breadth Requirements.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:
- demonstrate proficiency in the five skills as mandated by the competency guidelines of the American Council of the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL): comprehension, speaking, reading, writing, and understanding the people and culture of the Spanish-speaking countries.
- utilize correct grammatical structures of standard Spanish.
- read Spanish proficiently as found, for example, in Spanish language newspapers, magazines, short stories, essays, and selections of poetry written by Spanish, Spanish-American, and Chicano authors.
- demonstrate appropriate writing and composition skills in Spanish.
- critique and discuss Latin American and Peninsular literature in a historical context.
- analyze and discuss major historical events and periods in the history of Spanish-speaking countries.
- compare and contrast aspects of the Spanish-speaking culture that are different or similar to one’s own culture.
- compare and contrast aspects of Spanish to another modern language.

**Career Opportunities**

This degree is designed to facilitate students’ successful transfer to four-year colleges that prepare them for a variety of career opportunities, such as airlines/travel, banking, bilingual education, bilingual telecommunications, emergency services, foreign service, Foreign Language Teacher, imports and exports, international business, intelligence/military services, IRS/State Franchise Tax Board, law enforcement/correctional officer, social services, translating/interpreting, and tourism. Some careers may require additional training specific to the trade.
(Spanish A.A. for Transfer (AA-T) Degree continued)

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Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree Requirements: The Associate in Arts in Spanish for Transfer (AA-T) degree may be obtained by completion of 60 transferable, semester units with a minimum 2.0 GPA, including (a) the major or area of emphasis described in the Required Program, and (b) either the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.

French

**FREN 401** Elementary French 4 Units

General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course introduces the language and culture of the French-speaking world. It includes the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing French with emphasis on the communicative skills, as well as the fundamentals of French pronunciation and grammar.

**FREN 402** Elementary French 4 Units

Prerequisite: FREN 401 with a grade of “C” or better or 2 years of high school French.
General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course provides continued development of the language and culture of the French-speaking world. It includes further development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing French with emphasis on communicative skills, as well as the fundamentals of French pronunciation and grammar.

**FREN 411** Intermediate French 4 Units

Prerequisite: FREN 402 with a grade of “C” or better or 3 years of high school French.
General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B; IGETC Area 6
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course includes speaking, listening, and writing practice at the intermediate level of French. It also reviews French grammar, and offers readings of varied texts, many of which explore the historic, artistic and cultural backgrounds of France and French-speaking countries.

**FREN 412** Intermediate French 4 Units

Prerequisite: FREN 411 with a grade of “C” or better or 4 years of high school French.
General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B; IGETC Area 6
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course is a further exploration of the culture, history and arts of French-speaking countries, begun in French 411. Grammar and syntax are examined as a means to that exploration.

German

**GERM 351** Conversational German, Elementary 3 Units

Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is designed for students at the first-semester level in German. Conversations and discussions, both controlled and spontaneous, are used to develop basic skills in German. Emphasis includes oral proficiency and development of German culture awareness.

**GERM 352** Conversational German, Elementary 3 Units

Prerequisite: GERM 351 with a grade of “C” or better or two years of high school German
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is designed for students at the second-semester level in German. It continues the development of oral-aural skills in German through conversations and discussions, both controlled and spontaneous. Emphasis includes oral proficiency and development of German cultural awareness.

**GERM 401** Elementary German 4 Units

General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to the language of the German-speaking people. It includes the fundamentals of German pronunciation and grammar, as well as the development of listening, reading and writing with emphasis on the communicative skills.

**GERM 402** Elementary German 4 Units

Prerequisite: GERM 401 with a grade of “C” or better or two years of high school German
General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course continues to develop proficiency in speaking, reading and writing German. It also explores the German culture and affords opportunities to make cross-linguistic and cross-cultural comparisons.

**GERM 411** Intermediate German 4 Units

Prerequisite: GERM 402 with a grade of “C” or better or three years of high school German
General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B; IGETC Area 6
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course, which is the third in a series of four German courses, continues to develop proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing German. It reviews German grammar and offers readings of varied texts, which further explore study of historical and cultural background of German-speaking countries and afford opportunities to make cross-linguistic and cross-cultural comparisons.
ITAL 411  Intermediate Italian  4 Units
Prerequisite: ITAL 402 with a grade of “C” or better; or 3 years of high school Italian.
General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B; IGETC Area 6
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 72 hours LEC
This is the third course in a series of four Italian courses. It continues to develop proficiency in speaking, listening, reading and writing Italian. It reviews Italian grammar and offers readings of varied texts, many of which explore the historic, artistic and cultural backgrounds of Italy. It also explores the culture of Italy and affords opportunities to make cross-linguistic and cross-cultural comparisons.

ITAL 412  Intermediate Italian  4 Units
Prerequisite: ITAL 411 with a grade of “C” or better; or 3 years of high school Italian.
General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B; IGETC Area 6
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 72 hours LEC
This course continues development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills through reading, discussing, and interpreting various works of German literature; writing summaries, reports and short compositions; and studying the historical, artistic, and cultural background of the German-speaking world.

ITAL 351 Conversational Italian, Elementary I  3 Units
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course is designed for students at the first-semester level in Italian. Conversations and discussions, both controlled and spontaneous, are used to develop basic conversational skills in Italian. Emphasis includes oral proficiency and development of Italian cultural awareness.

ITAL 352 Conversational Italian, Elementary II  3 Units
Prerequisite: ITAL 351 with a grade of “C” or better or two years of high school Italian
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course is designed for students at the second-semester level in Italian. It continues the development of oral-aural skills in Italian through conversations and discussions, both controlled and spontaneous. Emphasis includes oral proficiency and development of Italian cultural awareness.

ITAL 401 Elementary Italian  4 Units
General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 72 hours LEC
This course is an introduction to the Italian language and culture of Italy. It includes the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Italian with emphasis on the communicative skills, as well as the fundamentals of Italian pronunciation and grammar.

ITAL 402 Elementary Italian  4 Units
Prerequisite: ITAL 401 with a grade of “C” or better; or 2 years of high school Italian.
General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 72 hours LEC
This course is an introduction to the Italian language and culture of Italy. It includes the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Italian with emphasis on the communicative skills, as well as the fundamentals of Italian pronunciation and grammar. Cross-linguistic and cross-cultural comparisons are emphasized.

SPAN 131 Elementary Spanish Lab I  .5-1 Units
Advisory: Concurrent enrollment in SPAN 401.
Hours: 27-54 hours LAB
This laboratory course enables Spanish language learners to develop, expand, and reinforce multiple Spanish language skills while working independently and/or in small groups. Coursework includes integrated study topics related to vocabulary, grammar, reading, writing, listening, and oral skills covered in first semester Spanish courses. Students may register until the sixth week of the semester. This course may be taken up to 2 times, for a total of 1.0 unit, using different topics. Pass/No Pass only.
This laboratory course enables Spanish language learners to continue developing, expanding, and reinforcing multiple Spanish language skills while working independently and/or in small groups. Coursework includes integrated study topics related to vocabulary, grammar, reading, writing, listening, and oral skills covered in second semester Spanish courses. Students may register until the sixth week of the semester. This course may be taken up to two times for a total of 1.0 unit, using different topics. Pass/No Pass only.

### CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH, ELEMENTARY

This course is an introduction to the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. It includes the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish with emphasis on communicative skills. Class discussions and group interaction, both controlled and spontaneous, are used to develop basic conversational skills in Spanish.

**SPAN 351**

**Conversational Spanish, Elementary**

*Course Transferable to CSU*

**3 Units**

Prerequisite: SPAN 351 OR SPAN 401 with a grade of "C" or better or two years of high school Spanish.

Course: LEC

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is for students at the second-semester level in Spanish. It includes the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish with emphasis on communicative skills. Class discussions and group interaction, both controlled and spontaneous, are used to develop basic conversational skills in Spanish. Emphasis includes oral proficiency and development of Hispanic cultural awareness.

**SPAN 352**

**Conversational Spanish, Elementary**

*Course Transferable to CSU*

**3 Units**

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is designed for students at the third-semester level in Spanish. It includes the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish with emphasis on communicative skills. Class discussions and group interaction, both controlled and spontaneous, are used to develop basic conversational skills in Spanish. Emphasis includes oral proficiency and development of Hispanic cultural awareness.

**SPAN 361**

**Conversational Spanish, Intermediate**

*Course Transferable to CSU*

**3 Units**

Prerequisite: SPAN 352 OR SPAN 402 with a grade of "C" or better or three years of high school Spanish.

Course: LEC

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This fourth-semester course covers language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. It continues the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish with emphasis on communicative skills. Class discussions and group interaction, both controlled and spontaneous, are used to develop conversational skills in Spanish.

**SPAN 362**

**Conversational Spanish, Intermediate**

*Course Transferable to CSU*

**3 Units**

Prerequisite: SPAN 361 OR Spanish 411 with a grade of "C" or better or 4 years high school Spanish

Course: LEC

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course introduces the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. It includes the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish with emphasis on the communicative skills, as well as the fundamentals of Spanish pronunciation and grammar. (C-ID SPAN 100)

**SPAN 401**

**Elementary Spanish**

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

**4 Units**

General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6

Course: LEC

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course provides continued development of the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. It includes further development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish with emphasis on communicative skills, as well as the fundamentals of Spanish pronunciation and grammar. (C-ID SPAN 110)

**SPAN 402**

**Elementary Spanish**

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

**4 Units**

Prerequisite: SPAN 401 with a grade of "C" or better or two years of high school Spanish.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; IGETC Area 6

Course: LEC

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course provides continued development of the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. It includes further development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish with emphasis on communicative skills. Additionally, it covers more complex grammar topics and provides further study of the cultural and historical background of Spanish-speaking countries. (C-ID SPAN 200)

**SPAN 411**

**Intermediate Spanish**

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

**4 Units**

Prerequisite: SPAN 402 with a grade of "C" or better or three years of high school Spanish.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B

Course: LEC

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This intermediate-level Spanish course provides continued development of the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. It includes further development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish with emphasis on communicative skills. Additionally, it covers more complex grammar topics and provides further study of the cultural and historical background of Spanish-speaking countries as well as their major literary types and works. (C-ID SPAN 210)