



Newsletter of the Department of Modern Languages at University of the Incarnate Word



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UPCOMING LANGUAGE COURSES

Summer Session I 2021 (June 1 – July 2)

SPAN 1311-01	Elementary Spanish I	Online
SPAN 1312-01	Elementary Spanish II	Online
SPAN 3333-01	Spanish for Professional Fields	Online

Summer Session II 2021 (July 6 – August 6)

SPAN 1311-01	Elementary Spanish I	Online
SPAN 1312-01	Elementary Spanish II	Online

Fall 2021

FREN 1311	Elementary French I	MW 3:00–4:15 PM and 4:30–5:45 PM
FREN 2311	Intermediate French I	MW 6:30–7:45 PM
GERM 1311	Elementary German I	Online
IT 1311	Elementary Italian I	MW 9:00–10:15 AM
JAPN 1311	Elementary Japanese I	MW 1:30–2:45 PM and 3:00–4:15 PM
JAPN 2311	Intermediate Japanese I	TR 10:30–11:45 AM
KORE 1311	Elementary Korean I	MW 3:00–4:15 PM
LATN 1311	Elementary Latin I	MW 10:30–11:45 AM
SPAN 1311	Elementary Spanish I (22 sections)	
SPAN 1312	Elementary Spanish II (9 sections)	
SPAN 2311	Intermediate Spanish I: Oral Communication – Dr. Gabriel Saxton-Ruiz	MW 1:30–2:45 PM
SPAN 3321	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics – Michael Tallon	TR 3:00–4:15 PM
SPAN 3342	Spanish-American Literature since Modernism – Dr. Gabriel Saxton-Ruiz	TR 9:00–10:15 AM

NEW LANGUAGE COURSE

Beginning in Fall 2021, the Department of Modern Languages will offer first-year courses in Latin! In the Fall semester we will offer the first-semester course (1311), and in the Spring semester we will offer the second-semester course (1312). The courses will be taught by Dr. Tarcisio Beal, a theologian, historian, and polyglot.

STUDENT NEWS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Modern Languages did not hold its annual Honors Convocation in Spring 2021. We hope to hold the event in Spring 2022.

From Professor Elaine Bryant, French Instructor:

I have wonderful news to share about one of our former outstanding students, Timothy Newton. He was at UIW for two years on a diving scholarship and was one of our very best elementary and intermediate French students. He has transferred to the University of Hawaii to major in French and is still on scholarship for competitive diving. He has been accepted into the French program at the University of Hawaii, is doing quite well, and is as enthusiastic as ever about French language and culture. Moreover, he has been accepted into a post-pandemic study abroad program in Annecy, France, where he will live with a host family and take courses at the Université Savoie Mont-Blanc. I have spent three weeks in the nearby department of Ain, a beautiful area east of Lyon. The people are welcoming and the lakes and mountains are spectacular. Timothy is one of our most diligent, most talented, and most dedicated second-language learners and he will, without a doubt, benefit from this opportunity to live in “la France profonde,” the French countryside.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Michael Tallon presented “Reducing Anxiety and Increasing Engagement in Spanish Heritage Students” (poster presentation) at the UIW 2020 Virtual Research Week and “A Qualitative Look at Language Anxiety in Spanish Heritage Students” at the Texas Language Education Research (TexLER) 2020 Virtual Conference. In 2021 he presented “A Qualitative Study of Foreign Language Anxiety in Spanish Heritage Students” at the UIW 2021 Virtual Research Week and also at the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) 2021 Conference held in Atlanta, GA, and “Literacy Improvement for Spanish Heritage Students: A Writing Workshop” at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) 2021 Virtual Conference. In 2020 and 2021 he reviewed papers for *Heritage Language Journal*, *Studies in Second Language Learning and Teaching*, and *Journal of Spanish Language Teaching*. From Fall 2019 to Spring 2021, he chaired a committee that created a new Social Justice and Peace concentration at UIW. He continues to serve as a FIRST Faculty as well as an Alpha Faculty Member for first-generation college students at UIW. In Summer 2020 and Summer 2021 he once again served on the Meet the Mission Planning Committee. In January 2020 he received the 2020–2021 UIW Mission Continues Sr. St. Pierre Cinquin Award for Faith.

DID YOU KNOW?

From The ACTFL SmartBrief (January 19, 2021):

ACTFL: US economy needs students with language skills



Fewer than 20% of US students are learning Spanish, French or German, according to research -- and the US may suffer amid the increasingly globalized economy, says ACTFL Executive Director Howie Berman. In this interview, Berman explains why students need to know more than English and why the US economy depends on a workforce with international language skills.

Full Story: <https://www.smartbrief.com/original/2021/01/why-foreign-language-skills-matter-next-generation-workforce>

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Be sure to check out our web site (<https://www.uiw.edu/chass/academics/departments/modern-languages>) for information about our language programs and our faculty, previous newsletters, and other information! Also, find us on Facebook by searching for “**Temas hispanos – UIW**” Be sure to “Like” our page so that you can keep up with our departmental happenings and stay in touch with faculty and both current and former students!

If you have any comments about this newsletter or would like to include information in the next newsletter, please contact Michael Tallon at tallon@uiwtx.edu or 210-805-5891.

“Language is not a genetic gift, it is a social gift. Learning a new language is becoming a member of the club – the community of speakers of that language.”

-- Frank Smith
