LANGUAGES ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

The LAC program offers students the opportunity to use world languages in a variety of courses outside the language and literature curricula.

The program aims to promote a better understanding of world regions while demonstrating the relevance of practical language skills across the disciplines.

Successful completion of a LAC course option will improve students’ ability to:

1. Communicate in the target language about course topics;
2. Describe how course topics relate to world regions that speak the target language;
3. Explain course topics from the perspective(s) of individuals who use the target language;
4. Use the target language to conduct course research.

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Since spring 1996, the LAC program has offered course options in a variety of languages, disciplines and course formats. Currently, LAC courses are offered in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swahili. Students who enroll in LAC recitation or discussion sections can receive one graded hour of world language credit. Some three-hour seminars in the target language are also available. For course offerings and additional information, visit the program’s Web site (http://areastudies.unc.edu/lac).