

## Liberal Arts Independent Studies

<b>LIB 230</b>	<b>Independent Study I</b>	<b>3-3-0</b>
Students pursue a course of directed, independent study on an interdisciplinary theme under the supervision of a faculty member.		
<b>LIB 231</b>	<b>Independent Study II</b>	<b>3-3-0</b>
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<b>LIB 232</b>	<b>Independent Study III</b>	<b>3-3-0</b>
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<b>LIB 233</b>	<b>Independent Study IV</b>	<b>3-3-0</b>
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## Elective Course List:

Students must take any five or six courses from this list, albeit no more than three from any one department (depending on their internship).

EDU 305	Multicultural Education
ENG 239	Feminist Literary Theory
ENG 342	Romanticism and Revolution
ESG 224	Human Impact on the Environment
ESG 248	Geography of Food
ESG 266	Environmental Policy
ESG 268	Global Environmental Change
ESG 350	Environmental Justice
ESG 366	Ethical Perspectives on Environmental Problems
HIS 108	A Global History of Indigenous Peoples
HIS 217	The United States Since 1945
HIS 269	First Nations/Settler Relations in Canada
LIB 211	Empire and Its Enemies
LIB 214	Human Will and Nature
LIB 370	Social Movements and Social Change In Brazil
LIB 371	New Orleans: Art, Activism and Culture before and after Katrina
PHI 100	On the Way to the Good Life
PHI 104	The Hopes and Conflicts of Social and Political Life
PHI 349	Topics in Feminist Philosophy
PHI 324	The Philosophy and Politics of Karl Marx
PHI340	Topics in Ethics
PHI 342	Seminar in Social and Political Philosophy
PHI 366	Critical Theory
REL 200	Politics and Religion
SOC 207	Sociology of Indigenous-Settler Relations
SOC 208	Criminology
SOC 235	Women and Penal System
SOC 250	Social movements
SOC 260	Community
SOC 292	Social Policy
SOC 298	Social Problems
SOC 309	Advanced Seminar in global Colonization and Decolonization
SOC 340	Women: Theory and Ideology
SOC 396	Post-Colonial Theory
WOM 101	Introduction to Women's Studies
WOM 201	Women and Feminism in Canada
WOM 305	Women and Feminism: Selected Topics
SLP 399	Situated Learning and Praxis (Praxis Malawi)

# Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures

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## Program Overview

The Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures offers an Honours program in Hispanic Studies, Majors in Modern Languages and Hispanic Studies, International Major in German, as well as Concentrations/Minors in German Studies, Hispanic Studies, and Japanese Studies (International Concentration).

## Major in Modern Languages (60 credits)

MAJMLA

This major is equally divided between two language Concentrations (30/30), which will be specified on the student's final transcript. The languages available for Concentrations are German, Japanese and Spanish, as well as English Language Studies and French (offered by the Département des études françaises et québécoises). Students may choose one of their Concentrations in English *or* French, but completing Concentrations in English *and* French is not permitted for the Major in Modern Languages. The requirements and courses for the Concentrations within the Major in Modern Languages are listed under each specific language.

### \* Please note:

1) *MLA 101 is a graduation requirement for all Majors in the MLA department and will normally be taken in the first year of studies. The following students are exempt from this requirement:*

*Students with an Honours in Hispanic Studies, students taking the Major in Hispanic Studies on a part-time basis, students with more than one major. Other students may request an exemption if there is not sufficient space in their curricula.*

2) *Students registered in the Major in Modern Languages must declare their two languages by the end of their first year.*

3) *Students enrolled in all Majors in the MLA department must successfully complete the Information Retrieval and Evaluation Skills for the Humanities Lab (ILT 102). This one-credit laboratory course should be taken in the first or second year of studies.*

4) *Unless otherwise stated, all courses will be taught in the language specified in the course title.*

## Adjunct Concentration in Modern Languages (30 credits)

CONAGS, CONAHS, CONAJS and CONAFS

A 10-course concentration in a single language: German Studies, Hispanic Studies, Japanese Studies (International), French (intermediate or advanced levels). This is effectively one half of a two-language Major in Modern Languages with the typical 10-course concentration. The specifications for this adjunct concentration are identical to those currently specified in the different language sections in the academic calendar.

## Certificate in Modern Languages (30 credits)

CONMLA

The **Certificate** is designed to provide part-time students with a working knowledge of at least two of the modern languages taught at Bishop's University: French, German, Japanese, and/or Spanish.

Students must choose two main languages of concentration and complete at least 12 credits in each. The 6 remaining credits may be taken in either of these two main languages, or in one other language. Please consult course offerings under individual languages within the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, the Department of English and the Département des études françaises et québécoises.

Credits obtained in the certificate program may be applied towards a degree program in Modern Languages; however, students may not be enrolled simultaneously in a degree program and in the Certificate in Modern Languages.

## Modern Languages Course

MLA (Modern Languages) courses are offered by the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures through the collaboration of the different language sections. These courses may be taken as free electives or as part of the Humanities Divisional Requirement.

**MLA 101 Issues in Language and Linguistics**

**3-3-0**

Does language actually shape the world that surrounds us? Are there definitive language universals? Are all languages of equal complexity? This course will provide students with an overview of issues in the study of languages. It will introduce them to basic concepts in linguistics, familiarize them with the main components of language and common pursuits of linguists, and expose them to some long-standing debates in the field.

*No prerequisite*

## German Studies

### Major in Modern Languages with concentration in German Studies (30 credits for concentration) MAJMLA + CONGER

The German Studies Concentration in the Major in Modern Languages consists of 30 credits with a minimum of 6 credits in literature, film and civilization courses.

### International Major in German Studies (45 credits) MAJGIN

The International Major in German Studies requires the completion of 42 credits in German and MLA 101. Among the German credits, at least 12 must be drawn from courses in literature, film and civilization. With departmental approval, some of these courses may be double-counted for another program concentration.

This program requires the completion of German course credits abroad; students are thus expected to spend at least one semester at a partner university in Germany. Students should apply for acceptance to this program before going on exchange, and they should consult with the Head of the German Studies Section regarding the selection of appropriate exchange courses.

### Minor in German Studies (24 credits) MINGER

#### Please note:

- (1) Majors in Modern Languages with the German Studies Concentrations, adjunct concentration students, and minors in German Studies must take GER 203 Intermediate German: Topics and Texts I concurrently with GER 201 Intermediate German Language I, and GER 204 Intermediate German: Topics and Texts II concurrently with GER 202 Intermediate German Language II.
- (2) The German Studies Section offers courses in the following categories: Language, Literature, Cinema and Civilization, and Independent Studies. Third-year course offerings will vary regularly over a three-year cycle.
- (3) All Literature, Cinema, and Civilization courses are offered in English.
- (4) Independent Study courses are only offered to students with high academic standing.

## International Exchange

All Bishop's students wishing to take part in the International Exchange Program to Germany have to provide proof that they possess a level of proficiency in German adequate to the demands of such a program in one of two ways: 1-certification by Bishop's German Studies Section or, 2-an official certification issued by the Goethe Institut called TestDaF (Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache). The German Studies section certifies that a student has an adequate degree of proficiency in German once they have completed 18 credits at our institution if they are beginners without a previous background in German (GER 101, GER 102, GER 201, GER 202,