

Certificate in Languages

St. Mary's University wants to further develop the study of languages and especially to encourage students to pursue language study at more advanced levels beyond those established in the Language requirement in the Core Curriculum. The Language Certificate is intended to provide an incentive to students who are interested in continuing their study of a particular language but who do not wish to complete the major or minor program in this language. Also, the certificate signals on the transcript that a student has completed two courses at least in the third-year of language study and achieved the grade point average required for the certificate.

The Language Certificate is neither a substitute for a minor program in a language, nor does it impede a student wishing to complete such a minor. The certificate is different from a minor in two critical elements: it requires that courses be taken in language study or in classes in which the subject is taught exclusively in the target language, and it requires that the students meet a high grade point requirement.

It is important to note that the students fulfilling the requirements for a language certificate in a particular language will have this achievement noted on their transcript. Also, students completing a minor or major program in a language who at the same time meet the minimum grade requirements for a language certificate would have both the certificate and the minor noted on their transcript. The option of earning a Language Certificate is available to all St. Mary's students, from all the schools.

Language Certificates can currently be earned in Spanish and Portuguese.

Requirements to obtain a Language Certificate:

- Students must take two (2) courses in the 3000, 4000 or 5000 level offered in the Languages Department and taught in the target language.
- Students must earn a minimum of a B- in each course.

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