

Programs in Romance Languages and Literatures

Summary of Requirements: Multiple Languages Major

- Two to four advanced language courses in at least two Romance languages*
- Six to eight additional courses in Romance literatures and cultures, with at least two courses in two different Romance languages
- BA paper (if the student wishes to qualify for honors)**

Total Units: 1000

* Basque, Catalan, French, Haitian Creole (Kreyòl), Italian, Portuguese, or Spanish

**Students writing a BA honors paper may include a BA Paper Preparation course or Academic Research and Writing course as one of their literature and culture courses.

Summary of Requirements: Multiple Languages Minor

- At least two advanced language courses (one per relevant language)
- Remaining courses may be selected in consultation with the relevant undergraduate advisers

Total Units: 600

Global Honors

If you find yourself engaged with languages and cultures at and beyond UChicago, and would like official university recognition for that engagement, consider working toward earning Global Honors.

Learn more at [_languages.uchicago.edu/global-honors/](https://languages.uchicago.edu/global-honors/)

Study Abroad

Find a list of relevant options at study-abroad.uchicago.edu/

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Chair's Welcome

RLL embraces multiple linguistic, cultural, and literary traditions from across the globe. We are proud to teach Basque, Catalan, French, Haitian Creole, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish, and to offer major and minor options in two or more languages that you can configure to suit your interests. Leverage your proficiency in one Romance language to learn another; explore the intersections and differences among literatures and cultures, and the history of the places where these languages are spoken. Become multilingual. Open up new cultural horizons as well as career opportunities!

Miguel Martínez
Professor of Spanish Literature
and the College; Chair, Department
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Speakers of Romance Languages Worldwide (in millions)

572 Spanish	274 Portuguese	85 Italian	10 Catalan
1 Basque	267 French	10 Haitian Creole	



Get Involved!

Explore the many diverse organizations on campus devoted to our languages!

- Brazilian Student Association
- Catalan Coffee Hour
- Chicago Italian Appreciation Organization
- El Cafecito
- French Club
- Kreyòl Club
- MECHA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanx de Atzlan)
- OLAS (Organization of Latin American Students)
- University of Chicago Mexican Association
- Væranda

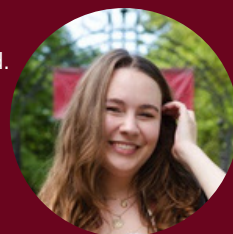
Look out for other events hosted by our language programs!

Student Spotlights

One of the best choices I made at UChicago was getting a minor in RLL.

While at UChicago, Carmen was selected as a Global Health Summer Research Fellow twice. In 2022, she worked as part of the GenCaF (Genetic Counseling, Risk Assessment and Testing in Cancer and Cancer At-Risk Families in Africa) team, and spent time shadowing physicians in the Oncology Unit. She was involved in the process of shipping saliva samples from recruited participants, from Cameroon to the United States, through helping to set up the Color Genomics Platform for the team. She also helped with data entry and translating documents from English into French.

After graduation, Carmen spent some time as a Medical Assistant before accepting a position teaching in France through the "TAPIF" program. She will apply to medical school after a year abroad.



Carmen Vanvolkenburgh
RLL Minor in Multiple Languages
Class of 2023

Cover Photo: Taken by Nick Rinaldi while travelling in Florence with UChicago Study Abroad
Left Photo: French faculty posing with Honors Graduates at the 2025 End-of-Year Reception



Are you already proficient in one Romance Language, and looking for a way to jump start into a second (or third)? Check out course options for "Romance Language Speakers" which allow you to do just that-- use your foundation in one language to build upon another!

I originally took Italian because I was looking for a fun class to take, and I love learning languages. The Italian for Romance Languages Speakers class looked especially fun for me because I already spoke Spanish, and I was excited to be able to learn so much so quickly.



Annika Lundsgaard
RLL Major in Multiple Languages
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Top Photo: Graduate Student Lecturer Alessandro Minnucci poses with his students from Italian for Romance Language Speakers (ITAL 12200)