

FOREIGN LANGUAGE MISSION STATEMENT

The Foreign Language program at Southwestern Illinois College encourages and supports students in their pursuit of foreign language proficiency and cross-cultural competency. The curriculum emphasizes the development and consolidation of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in modern foreign languages. The sequence of courses also exposes students to global sociocultural practices and perspectives while increasing competency in cross-cultural communication and understanding through connections with other disciplines. The Foreign Language program strives for excellence in teaching and implements appropriate assessment techniques to monitor and maximize student learning and progress.

EDUCATIONAL GOALS

Students who successfully complete a Foreign Language course will exhibit development in the following basic skills:

- 1. Listening:** by increasing their ability to understand spoken discourse that is generated by fluent speakers of the target language.
- 2. Speaking:** by increasing their ability to speak in the target language so as to be able to engage in a variety of situations involving interpersonal and presentational communication.
- 3. Reading:** by increasing their ability to comprehend authentic reading materials written in the target language.
- 4. Writing:** by increasing their ability to write in the target language on a range of topics for diverse audiences.
- 5. Culture:** by increasing their knowledge and understanding of a variety of sociocultural aspects relevant to the target-language linguistic communities.

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