

Modern Languages and Cultures

► The University of Rochester's Department of Modern Languages and Cultures (MLC) provides an in-depth study of modern languages, literatures, and cultures. International by definition, MLC offers beginning and advanced language instruction in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish and advanced coursework in cultural and comparative literature. The department also houses the interdisciplinary Russian studies program.

Faculty members guide undergraduate and graduate students through a variety of cultural works, including the "great books" of Dante, Goethe, and Dostoevsky. Students also explore popular film, visual art, and nonliterary texts within their historical contexts.

The teaching and research expertise within the department supports interdepartmental links to programs in film studies, history, the Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender and Women's Studies, visual and cultural studies, and the

Skalny Center for Polish and Central European Studies. Many students pursue double majors and graduate with rich linguistic and cultural understanding, applicable in many fields and vitally important in an increasingly connected world.

Points of Pride

Scholarly Exchange

Each year the department brings to campus nationally and internationally known scholars for public lectures and seminars on diverse topics of broad interest, including the Holocaust, African-American literature, and Dante's role in the arts.

Study Abroad

The department's faculty-led study abroad programs transform students' lives. With summer programs in France, Germany, Granada, Italy, and Russia, undergraduate students participate in the immersive experiences necessary to fully engage with another culture and language. Two yearlong programs, which have been in existence for about 50 years,

provide an intensive exchange opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students in Rochester with students in Rennes, France, and Cologne, Germany.

Literary Translation

With the Department of English, MLC offers a Certificate in Literary Translation Studies, an interdisciplinary program in the humanities that provides undergraduate students with an opportunity to study the theory and practice of literary translation. Students work alongside publishing professionals and intern with Open Letter, a University-owned publishing house, and Three Percent, an online resource for international literature.

The MLC Undergraduate Council

The council provides experiences on campus and off campus in the United States and abroad that cultivate interest, understanding, enthusiasm, appreciation, and acceptance of the diverse cultural and linguistic differences in the world.



"My education here has nurtured my love of music, provided opportunities to travel and study abroad, and given me access to renowned and inspiring professors. Learning another language has given me a new perspective of the world and my place in it."

Weston Jennings '13

organ major at the Eastman School of Music and German major in AS&E

Transformational Gift

The Mildred R. Burton Summer Study Abroad Fellowship

was established in 1987. Qualified MLC students who are applying to summer programs in France, Germany, Italy, Russia, and Spain are awarded a stipend to defray the costs of the program. In addition, each summer program awards one full-tuition fellowship, which covers all expenses except airfare and incidental costs. This fellowship has made study abroad a possibility for hundreds of students over the years.

How You Can Help

Gifts to MLC enhance the educational experience and help the department sustain and build upon its commitment to academic excellence. Consider the following giving opportunities:

Scholarships

Supporting students is one of the highest priorities at the University. Create an endowed scholarship and support one or more students in a study abroad program. These can be need- or merit-based scholarships and can be designated toward an existing or new program in a specific language.



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Professorships

Endowed professorships help to attract and retain faculty of exceptional talent and are visible honors recognized across the University and by other educational institutions. Investing in endowed professorships ensures that students are taught by world-class faculty for generations to come.

Programs

Offering programs that stimulate the impulse to learn is essential. You can establish a lecture fund, support student experiences abroad, provide faculty research grants, or fund the scholarly editing and publication of journals and books.

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