

Yeshiva College

Department/Program Name: Languages, Literatures & Cultures

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Mission Statement

The Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures at Yeshiva College serves as an interdisciplinary hub for foreign language acquisition as well as the exploration of larger questions, both practical and humanistic, related to language, literary and cultural studies.

The languages represented within the department are Arabic, French, Greek, Latin, Spanish, Syriac and Yiddish. Offering language-learning courses, literature courses, and upper-division seminars (usually cross-listed with the English Department) the over-arching departmental goal is to develop and enhance communicative language skills, reading and interpretive skills, critical thinking and understanding both within and among the cultural and linguistic groups represented.

Department/Program Student Learning Goals & Objectives

1. Communication: Students will be able to communicate proficiently, both orally and in writing, in a target language.
 - a. Students will be able to accurately comprehend spoken language in a target language
 - b. Students will be able to speak proficiently in a target language
 - c. Students will be able to accurately comprehend and translate a spoken and written target language
2. Cultural Awareness: Students will be able to appreciate various aspects of both English and non-English speaking communities, both from modern and ancient times.
 - a. Students will be able to understand and appreciate linguistic and cultural diversity
 - b. Students will be able to identify key linguistic elements of a culture, including important writers, works, genres, literary styles and literary periods.
3. Critical Analysis: Students will be able to engage in critical reading writing and analysis skills both in English and/or a target language.
 - a. Students will be able to interpret various meanings of texts both in English and/or a target language
 - b. Students will be able to effectively express orally and in writing various perspectives about literary works, written in English and/or a target language