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CAVE HILL CAMPUS
BARBADOS, WEST INDIES

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE, LINGUISTICS & LITERATURE

Discipline of Modern Languages

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in

- French
- Spanish
- French and Spanish

Minors in

- Brazilian Studies
- French
- Spanish
- Mandarin Chinese

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INTRODUCTION

Explore the Francophone, Hispanophone, Lusophone and Sinophone worlds!

Foreign languages offer transferable life skills in communication, critical thinking and adaptability. They combine well with any discipline to increase critical thinking, analytical skills and employability. They are ideal for individuals who are dynamic, curious, open-minded and enjoy interacting with others and travelling.

Benefits of Speaking a Foreign Language

- Increased Employability due to Increased Mobility Options
- Improved Cognitive Skills
- Increased Intercultural Awareness
- Improved Mother Tongue Competency.

Careers utilising a foreign language

- Diplomacy
- Précis Writing
- Journalism
- Tour Guiding/Hospitality
- Law
- Medicine
- Translation
- Administration
- Public Relations
- Education
- Tourism
- Marketing
- Interpreting
- Research
- Foreign Affairs/Service

Undergraduate Offerings

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) in French
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) in French with Management
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) in French and Spanish (double major)
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) in French with a minor
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Spanish
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Spanish with Management
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Spanish & French
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Spanish with a minor
- Minor in French
- Minor in Spanish
- Minor in Mandarin Chinese

About half of the world's population is bilingual or plurilingual, are you?

Never studied French or Spanish but interested in pursuing the BA in French or Spanish?

Students without prior knowledge of French and/or Spanish may opt to complete the corresponding beginners courses to become eligible to pursue the Bachelors.

During Your Studies

- Participate in the Martinique exchange or Spanish immersion programmes
- Join the Language Club.

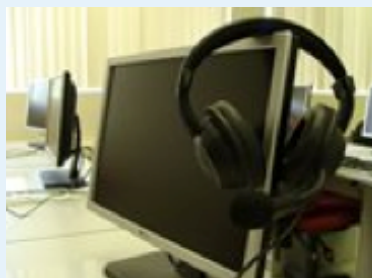
Language Learning Tips

- Maximize Practice Opportunities
- Personalize Learning; Learn Vocabulary in your Areas of Interest
- Visit Countries where the Language is Spoken.

After Your Studies

- Participate in the French programme d'assistantat
- Pursue our MA in Caribbean Studies, an MPhil or a PhD
- Work locally, regionally or internationally in fields such as tourism and hospitality, translation, diplomacy, education.

Language Laboratory



The Cave Hill Language Laboratory uses state-of-the-art Sanako technology and is equipped to afford students optimum interactivity individually and in groups. The lab is central to both classroom and independent hour sessions. Students are encouraged to utilize the lab for programmed independent sessions for improving listening, grammar and writing skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students from the Faculties of Medical Sciences, Law, Science and Technology, and Social Sciences



Students from these faculties may substitute **one Foundation Course for a Cave Hill course in a foreign language at a level appropriate to their prior exposure**, as determined by the Discipline of Modern Languages (note that you may not substitute specific Foundation courses that your Faculty requires you to take). Courses are available in Chinese, French, Portuguese and Spanish. *Contact the Department of Language, Linguistics and Literature for further information.*

ENTRY TO FRENCH AND SPANISH COURSES & PROGRAMMES

- The following explains the streaming system for students entering the French and Spanish programmes or taking courses in those languages. For full information on how to register, consult the relevant Faculty Handbook and other literature provided.
- The system is designed to place you at a level that suits your exposure thus far to the language in question. If you are in any doubt about the information provided, please contact the Modern Languages Coordinator.

Q: I am a total beginner.

A: Register for FREN/SPAN 0101 (*Beginners French/Spanish I*)

NOTE: This will apply to you if you are seeking to fulfill the Faculty of Humanities and Education requirement that you take a foreign language course if you do not have a CXC in one, or you may simply have an interest in taking such a course. On passing this course, which is offered in both semesters, you will qualify to continue into FREN/SPAN 0102 *Beginners French/Spanish II* the following year, if you wish.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS cont'd

Q: I have a CXC only in the language I wish to study.

A: *Register for FREN/SPAN 0102 (Beginners French/Spanish II)*

NOTE: You will thus take two years to finish Level One in the language (assuming you pass all courses). If you are Majoring in the language and thus need to take literature courses, you must take these in your second year: you need to pass Beginners II and III in language before tackling the literature courses. Use the first year to take all necessary Foundation Courses, courses for any Minor you are taking, or necessary electives (see relevant Faculty Handbook).

Q: I have a CXC AND both units of CAPE or an A-level in the language I wish to study .

A: *Register for FREN1401/SPAN 1001 (French/Spanish Language 1A)*

NOTE: Please note that your Associate Degree title must contain the name of the language you wish to study at Cave Hill.

Q: I have a CXC AND an Associate Degree with French/Spanish as a major subject area

A: *Register for French/Spanish Language 1A.*

Q: I have taken and passed FREN/SPAN 0102 and FREN/SPAN 0103.

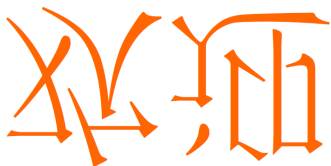
A: *Register for French/Spanish Language 1A.*

Q: I do not fit into any of the above categories OR my formal qualifications may not accurately reflect my level.

A: *Contact the Modern Languages Coordinator.*

NOTE: This may include;

- A significant exposure to the language through immersion or a parent who speaks it.
- Completed or passed one unit of CAPE in the language.
- Qualifications are from a system outside the Anglophone Caribbean.
- Bilingual in, or a native speaker of, a Romance language other than the one you wish to study (e.g. CXC only in Spanish, but native speaker of Portuguese).
- No qualification but have studied the language and am thus not a beginner.



China

China boasts a rich history and culture. Mandarin Chinese is spoken by an estimated 1.2 billion people (around 16% of the world's population) as their first

language. Mandarin Chinese is one of the six official languages of the United Nations. **Interesting Fact:** Unlike French, Spanish and Portuguese, Chinese has no verb conjugations nor gender-specific nouns. Chinese, like the other languages of the Sino-Tibetan family, is a tonal language - it is written with thousands of distinctive characters called ideographs which generally have little relation to the sound of a word. *We welcome you to join us and explore Mandarin Chinese and Chinese Culture.*

France

Bienvenue!

Interesting Facts • French and English are the only two languages which are taught on every continent

- France is the most visited country in the world
- France donated the Statue of Liberty to the USA
- Over a third of English words are of French origin
- French is the main foreign language taught in Britain
- The motto of the UK is in French
- France is the world's fifth largest economy
- French is both a working and official language of the United Nations, the European Union, NATO, UNESCO, the International Olympic Committee, the International Red Cross and international courts.

There are so many reasons to become a Francophile!



Brazil

Bem-vindos

The Federative Republic of Brazil is simultaneously South America's largest country (by both population and geographical size) as well as one of its most diverse and fascinating. It is filled to the brim with intriguing people, plants and animals as well as liberal doses of history, religion, culture and sporting greatness.

It is also the only Portuguese-speaking country in both North and South America. This Portuguese heritage dates back to the 1700's, when Brazil was first colonised by this European nation. During its rich and complex history, slavery was a major part of the Brazilian heritage, although this was never formally recorded in the annals of history. Slaves were brought to the country across the Pacific Ocean from Africa.

Therefore, there is also a large proportion of Brazilian inhabitants that have an African heritage.



Spain

Bienvenidos!

The Caribbean's proximity to Latin America makes Spanish a preferred language of study for increased employment opportunities. Additionally, another Caribbean neighbour, the United States of America, is home to a large Hispanic community.





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