Language Studies

Evergreen's Language and Culture Center offers:

Intensive, year-long language and culture programs on a repeating cycle

Study abroad opportunities and advising

Part-time language study in French, Spanish, Russian and German

Partnership with academic programs at the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington

Language study is growing in popularity throughout the nation, along with an increasing recognition of the importance of global education. The United States, and Washington state in particular, are highly dependent upon foreign trade. To meet the challenge of maintaining and expanding that trade, a recent Presidential Commission concluded that a massive effort toward a more global education and rapid development of foreign language competency are needed. For the serious student of foreign languages and the student interested primarily in other fields of inquiry, interdisciplinary language study is important. Both needs can be met through Evergreen's Language and Culture Center

Intensive, full-time interdisciplinary Language and Culture programs are offered at Evergreen on a repeating cycle. The following list includes academic programs in this area planned through 1993:

1991-92

"Japanese Language and Culture," FWS
"Spanish Forms in Life and Art," FWS
"New Faces of Eastern Europe: From
the Baltic to the Balkans," FWS
"Border Studies: Canada, Mexico,
U.S.A.," FWS

1992-93 (tentative)

"Japanese Language and Culture"
"Francophone Culture"

"Classical World"

What is an Evergreen Program?

Evergreen's interdisciplinary programs allow you to work closely with a faculty team and other students in small seminars and workshops; lecture sessions are also small, with ample time for discussion. You enroll in only one program at a time. You devote all of your study to the work of that program, with no competing courses to distract you. A program focuses on a theme or issue, and explores a variety of subjects to help you gain an understanding of that theme or issue. You are encouraged to undertake independent and group research projects and internships. Several of our full-time language and culture programs offer a study abroad option in the Spring or Summer Quarter.

The "French Culture" program offers a total of 48 quarter hours of credit. It provides integrated study of artistic genres, language, history and anthropology. The program's aim is twofold: to analyze some of the complex forces that make a society and to acquire a solid understanding of the language.

The "Russia/USSR" program focuses on intensive study of the Russian language, and the literature and history of Russia/USSR.

"Japanese Studies" is a year-long study of Japanese language and civilization.

Partnership Program with the University of Washington's Jackson School of International Studies

Evergreen students who meet the necessary prerequisites may be eligible to spend up to a full year at the Jackson School for International Studies at the University of Washington under a partnership agreement. Major areas will include studies in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Middle East, Russian and Eastern Europe, South Asia, Jewish Culture, Comparative Religions, and International health, business or political economy.

For information on this partnership program, consult Associate Academic Dean José Gómez.

Student Exchanges with Japanese Universities

Evergreen has agreements with two Japanese universities, Miyazaki and Kobe, for exchanging two students with each institution, tuition-free, for one calendar year, beginning in May or October.

Interested and qualified students may obtain further particulars from the Director of the Language and Culture Center. The students who plan to apply for this exchange program must have a sufficient proficiency in Japanese as most of the teaching at both universities is in lecture format in Japanese. Applications should be submitted in the form of a letter of intent accompanied by portfolios to Associate Academic Dean José Gómez no later than February 15. The applications will be screened by a Selection Committee.

The Evergreen State College Olympia, Washington

Advising Services

Our Advising Services enable you to make intelligent decisions about your education at each step of the way, rather than follow standardized requirements. In other words, you are able to work with a faculty or staff advisor in designing a coherent path through our Core, intermediate and advanced offerings. In this way you can combine programs, projects and internships as you work toward your degree. If you have chosen a field of study, if you are undecided, or if you change your mind later, our advisors can assist you in making appropriate plans.

The Learning Environment

Evergreen challenges you to think independently and creatively. You will find that your teachers encourage you to develop your potential and your interests as a student by working productively with others rather than competing with them. Evergreen faculty provide written evaluations rather than grades to reflect your achievement.

Life After Evergreen

Overall, Evergreen graduates enjoy unusual success. In our most recent placement survey, 90% of our graduates who responded reported they are employed, in graduate school or in other placements of their choice. You're invited to contact The Career Development Office when you begin your Evergreen career.

Evergreen is a public, liberal arts college of 3000 students, offering Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Tuition is \$537 per quarter for Washington state residents and \$1883 per quarter for non-residents.

For further information about Evergreen and for help in planning your Language Studies please contact:

Admissions: (206) 866-6000, ext. 6170 Academic Advising: (206) 866-6000, ext. 6312

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