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Is World Languages and Literatures for you?

Learning a new language or studying world literature makes you uniquely positioned to understand cultural variation and diversity as well as the complexity of cross-cultural exchange.

SFU’s Department of World Languages and Literatures (WLL) offers language courses in Arabic, Chinese, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Persian, Punjabi, and Spanish, and a wide selection of world literature courses (WL), featuring a cross-cultural selection of literary works in English translation.

Studying World Languages and Literatures appeals to students who love literature, travel, and cultural exchange. If you want to have a better sense of your place in the world, learn another language, and engage with different forms of global culture—from epic poetry to contemporary graphic novels from East and West—then World Languages and Literatures is the right academic choice for you.

Study with us. We’ll take you places.

Where will you go from here?

World languages and literature students pursue occupations including:

- Communications specialist
- Campaign manager
- Copy writer
- Critic
- Development project manager
- Director of community relations
- Editor
- Foreign/Diplomatic service officer
- Human resources specialist
- Journalist
- K-12 teacher
- Lawyer
- Librarian
- Policy advisor
- Public relations assistant
- Researcher
- Translator/Interpreter
- Writer

World Literature (WL) is a teachable subject, recognized by the BC Teachers Federation. WL courses can be used as an alternative to English for elementary school requirements in SFU’s Professional Development Program (PDP). If you are interested in this path, please contact our academic advisor to discuss.

Want to know more?

WLL students enjoy these opportunities:

- Scholarships and awards to recognize your achievements and help you cover education costs
- Event experience at our annual World Literature student conference
- SFU Tandem, a free, eight-week language exchange program
- WLLSU, one of SFU’s most vibrant student unions
- Serve on the editorial board of our student literary magazine, The Lyre, or submit your work for publication. We accept many written genres as well as photography and visual artwork

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