World Languages Education (WL ED)

While Penn State has the resources of a large university, the WL ED major offers students a small college experience in which they progress through courses, study abroad, and have field experiences as a cohort, closely guided throughout the experience by program faculty.

About our program ...

• Students in the major specialize in French, German, Latin, Russian or Spanish.

• Courses are rich in engagement, critical discussion, and hands-on experience in developing, implementing, and reflecting upon innovative practices.

• Many students in the major take part in clubs and organizations devoted to the language(s) in which they specialize. These organizations allow them to engage in conversation practice and attend screenings of films in the target language and other cultural events.

• Students have the opportunity to live with other first-year students studying within the College of Education through the Special Living Options offered by the Housing Office.

• All students participate in organized field experiences with elementary and secondary school learners, during which they observe cooperating teachers, design lessons, develop instructional materials, and engage in teaching activities. In addition, students complete a semester-long student teaching.

• Study abroad is a requirement for all students in the major because it allows students to be immersed in the language and culture of their specialization. This immersion time abroad is typically when students make the greatest gains in their language proficiency. In general, students follow the program recommendation for a full semester abroad, although shorter programs are available.

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