



Foreign Languages

Department of Foreign Languages

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

KEY STRENGTHS

- Classes are taught with a strong oral emphasis essentially using the foreign language.
- Many of the foreign language professors are native speakers of the language they teach.
- The majority of the foreign language professors have missionary backgrounds.
- Faculty members are frequently called on to act as consultants for international businesses in areas such as language translation and foreign cultures.
- The department consists of six professors, including part-time faculty, teaching English as a Second Language, French, German, Latin and Spanish.
- Classes are small, especially at the upper levels, which promotes essential classroom participation.

DEGREES OFFERED

- Bachelor of Arts

MAJORS AVAILABLE

- Spanish
- Certification to teach Spanish or ESL
- International Studies

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Teaching
- Business
- Government service
- Mission work
- Medical professions
- Marketing
- International communications
- Bilingual services

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Off-campus study

- Mexico and Uruguay

Scholarships available

- ACT/SAT Academic Scholarships

Please consult with your admissions counselor for details on these and other scholarships available to you.

FACILITIES

The Department of Foreign Languages is located in the Hardin Administration Building on the first floor of the south wing, with classrooms and labs located on the first and third floors of the building.

The Parlor is a center for cross-cultural interaction and world-wide information access, an area dedicated to personal interaction with students from many cultures. Enhancements include computers, VCR/televisions (with cable) and audio equipment to be used in conjunction with an extensive collection of video and audio tapes.

Computers are equipped with Internet connections, furnishing students with research information from around the world.

Each foreign language student has access to foreign language tutors.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Majors in the 2006-07 school year: 56

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Jack McKinney, class of 1949; missionary in Switzerland and Germany and professor of Greek, Harding University, Searcy, Ark.

Ken Cukrowski, class of 1984; associate dean of the Graduate School of Theology, Abilene Christian University.

Sherry Bennett Farris, class of 1986; Bible translator, Guinea, West Africa.

April Ewing McBride, class of 1998; professor of Spanish, Baylor University.

RECENT GRADUATES

Veronica Valazquez, class of 2004; high school Spanish teacher, Friona High School, Friona, Texas.

Blair Barkley, class of 2004; administrative assistant, Eurocopter, Washington, D.C.

Jennifer Yee, class of 2004; World Relief International, Indonesia and New York.

Jennifer Pape Terry, class of 2003; missionary in Brazil.

Jemima King, class of 2002; graduate school in Hebrew and Middle East Relations, Brandeis University, Boston, Mass.

Kacee Allmon, class of 1998; teaching assistant, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas.

Amy Connell, class of 2006; intern in New Zealand, currently in London School of Economics.

Naomi Arnold, class of 2006; intern with the US Embassy in Serbia; now in Monterrey Institute for International Studies.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Members of the foreign language faculty regularly engage in the following:

- Special programs for visiting international students
- Translations of media productions, songs, sermons, articles and legal documents
- On-site work with foreign missionaries
- Local Spanish preaching
- Pro bono and paid interpreting assignments
- Continuous updating of course approaches, methods and materials
- Development of new courses
- Development of Study Abroad programs
- Post-doctorate training and certification
- Original publications and presentations at professional conferences
- Local congregation teaching, preaching and service roles

FACULTY

T. Mark Jones, *associate professor of Spanish, French and Latin, chair*; B.A., Abilene Christian University, 1963; M.A., Texas Tech University, 1968.

M. Harland Rall, Ph.D., *assistant professor of Spanish, associate chair*; B.S.Ed., Abilene Christian University, 1974; M.A., University of Cincinnati, 1990; Ph.D., Texas Tech University, 1996.

Robert E. Brown, Ph.D., *associate professor of Spanish and ESL*; B.A., Abilene Christian University, 1967; M.A., University of Illinois, 1970; M.Ed., University of Texas, 1973; Ph.D., The University of Texas at Austin, 1986.

Jeffrey Haseltine, Ph.D., *associate professor of ESL*; B.S.E., Oklahoma Christian University of Science and Arts, 1976; M.L.S., University of Oklahoma, 1985; Ph.D., Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, 1990.

Carolyn Thompson, *instructor of ESL and German*; B.A., Abilene Christian University, 1965; M.A.T., Texas State University, 1992.

Beatriz Walker, Ph.D., *assistant professor of Spanish*; B.A., Abilene Christian University, 1996; M.Ed., ACU, 1999; M.A. in Spanish, Texas Tech University, 2003; Ph.D., Texas Tech, 2005.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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