

WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES
PRACTICUM SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE OPTIONS

In order to complete your major in the Department of World Languages and Cultures, you will pursue one Signature Experience option for a minimum of 3 credits. The following list details your choices. Once you have chosen how you will fulfill the 3 credits, consult with one of our Academic Advisors (see contact information below) to have it approved and entered into your Degree Audit.

1. Community Engaged Learning (CEL) Course | 3940 | 3 credits
CHIN | CLCS | FRNCH | GERM | JAPAN | RUSS | SPAN

This is a 3-credit class taught in Fall and Spring semesters where you will use your language skills to translate and/or interpret in a volunteer role for a community organization. The instructor will provide options for volunteering in your target language. The class centers on challenges and problems faced by immigrants and other linguistically diverse communities.

If you already have a volunteer role in your target language, you may use that for this course (pending instructor's consent). You may start searching for a volunteer role before the course starts, but you will also have a week after the course starts to find a volunteer role with your instructor's assistance.

2. Upper-Division Learning Abroad | Various Courses, 3000-level or Above | 3+ credits

For this option, the student must have the Learning Abroad experience pre-approved by a WLC Academic Advisor in order to use it as their practicum. They must earn upper-division (3000-level or higher) credit while studying in the target language. Consider a WLC faculty-led program or research other options at <http://learningabroad.utah.edu>.

The deadline to apply through the Office of Learning Abroad for a summer semester WLC faculty-led program is February 15.

3. Language or Area Internship | HNKLY 4903 (and Others) | 3+ credits

Students can complete an internship (domestic, Washington DC or global) in the target language or relevant subject area. Research options and apply through the Hinckley Institute at <http://hinckley.utah.edu>. The student may also set up their own internship (for example, through the Career and Professional Development Center, CPDC, <http://careers.utah.edu>). The student must have the internship pre-approved by a WLC Academic Advisor in order to use it as their practicum.

The deadline for applying through the Hinckley Institute for local internships is typically 3-4 months before the internship semester. The Washington DC applications are typically due 5-6 months before the internship semester, and global internship applications 8-9 months.

The deadlines for notifying the Hinckley Institute of your own internship are separate from the timelines listed above; please see <http://hinckley.utah.edu>.

4. Undergraduate Studies Capstone Experience | WLC 3910 | 3 credits

A capstone experience is designed as a one-on-one collaboration (project, paper, etc.) with a WLC faculty advisor, proposed and developed by the student. The student must ask and the WLC faculty advisor must agree to participate as supervisor for the project. **The student should reach out to potential supervisors at least one semester before the semester the student plans on completing the project.** The student must have the experience pre-approved by a WLC Academic Advisor in order to use it as their practicum.

Funding for your Undergraduate Studies Capstone Experience is available; see <http://capstone.ugs.utah.edu>.

The Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) seeks to connect undergraduate students with a professor who needs research assistance or support a student-directed research project supervised by a professor. Full details on application and funding can be found at <http://our.utah.edu/for-student/urop/>. **Deadlines to apply are typically two semesters prior to the research semester and acceptance/funding is not guaranteed.** Students may apply to renew their research for an extra semester of funding.

5. Honors Thesis | 4999 | 3 credits

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Students who have declared an HBA through the Honors College may use their thesis course and the resulting work as their practicum option. **Students should consult the WLC Honors Advisor about registration for the WLC the semester before enrolling in the course.** WLC Honors Advisor: Dr. Margaret Wan, margaret.wan@utah.edu.

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