

**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.

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**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.**

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**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.**

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**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>.**

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#### 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.

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#### 5. Honors Thesis | 4999 | 3 credits

CHIN | FRNCH | GERM | GREEK | JAPAN | LATIN | RELS 4990 | RUSS | SPAN

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](mailto:margaret.wan@utah.edu).

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