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The Hood College

**Department of
Global Languages
and Cultures**

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Have you ever wondered what it feels like to see the world through someone else's eyes? By taking courses in the Department of Global Languages and Cultures, you will be able to experience just that. The coursework involves language and cultural proficiency and is interdisciplinary in nature. The critical framework of area studies draws upon the humanities and the social sciences, and it introduces students to every aspect of global cultures, from the sciences to artistic production. Through studying a globally relevant language, you will have the opportunity to study abroad and complete an internship in the U.S. or abroad that fosters an appreciation for diverse cultures and an understanding of the global issues that confront the world today. The Department of Global Languages and Cultures offers programs in language, cultural and area studies: French, Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies and Spanish: Iberian and Latin American Cultural Studies. You will be engaged both in and outside of the classroom through fieldtrips and meeting speakers brought to campus through the endowed Charlotte Moran Lecture Series. The faculty, whose combined area of research spans five continents and more than 50 countries, believe that research and teaching complement each other, bringing new perspectives and fresh ideas to the classroom. Students also have the opportunity to travel and conduct research with a faculty member thanks to a competitive college side grant.

Majors, Minors and Concentrations

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- **Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies** Major (B.A.)
- **French** Major (B.A.)
- **Spanish: Iberian and Latin American Cultural Studies** Major (B.A.)

Minors

- **Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies** Minor
- **French** Minor
- **German** Minor
- **Spanish** Minor



"My first semester of Arabic with Dr. Wright opened my eyes to a completely different culture and way of life in the Middle East. It didn't take me long to include Middle Eastern studies as my second major.

I am currently working for the federal government as an all source analyst; however, I am unable to go into details because it is a top secret position. I would not be in this position without my degree and knowledge of Arabic."

—Kelly Brown '17

Beyond the Classroom

As part of its education program, the department is made up of six faculty members and four teaching assistants who are native speakers of Arabic, French, German and Spanish. The department also operates two small residences, each under the direction of a teaching assistant. While in residence, you will be fully immersed in a foreign language and culture.

Hood also requires students to study abroad through one of Hood's affiliated programs in Seville, Spain; Munich and Mainz, Germany; Egypt, Morocco or Jordan; Toulouse and Paris, France; Argentina and Mexico. The possibilities are endless.

Points of Pride

- Chosen by the Modern Language Association as a model of excellence in foreign language teaching.
- Students interact first-hand with writers, artists and critics from Europe and Latin America on campus as part of an annual lecture series. Visitors include:
 - Alfred Bosch and Carme Riera, award-winning novelists
 - Biennial experiential trip to Berlin
 - Youssouf Amine Elalamy, award-winning Moroccan author and president of the African Pen Club
 - Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, an Argentinean human rights organization
 - Yazidi asylum seekers from northern Syria
 - Patrizia Lombardo, film and literary critic from the University of Geneva, Switzerland
 - Jean-Marc Chatelain, Head Curator, National Library of France
 - Laura Alcoba, Argentine novelist
 - Peter Schneider, award-winning author and political activist



About Hood

Founded in 1893 in Frederick, Maryland, Hood College is a coeducational, independent, liberal arts college, which offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees and post-baccalaureate certificates. Home to approximately 1,100 undergraduate students from 25 states and 15 countries, Hood offers 28 majors, more than 45 minors, and pre-professional preparation in medicine, veterinary science, pharmacy, dentistry and law. Hood students experience small class sizes, where they receive individual attention from supportive faculty. With its proximity to Washington, D.C., Baltimore and the I-270 biotech corridor, Hood gives its students access to countless internships and research opportunities.

At Hood, we are challenging students to improve their critical thinking, communication and collaborative skills and preparing them not just for their first jobs, but for their careers. For high-achieving students, we offer a four-year honors program with a living and learning setting expanding the curriculum with an emphasis on interdisciplinary education through discussion-based seminars, collaborative projects and experiential learning opportunities. Eighty-five percent of first-year students live on campus; more than 40 campus clubs and organizations as well as 22 NCAA Division III athletic teams and two club-level athletic teams create an active and vibrant campus environment.

Hood, in addition to its exceptional undergraduate programs, also offers 19 master's degrees, 10 certificate programs and two doctoral programs. Our graduate programs are designed to work in tandem with our bachelor's degrees so that students can take advantage of dual-degree programs. Hood is located in a fantastic college town; students are within walking distance of shops, galleries and restaurants and a vibrant downtown. A tremendous alumni network offers students and graduates mentoring, connections, guidance and advice. The Princeton Review, U.S. News & World Report and many other publications have recognized Hood as an affordable top-tier institution.

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