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The Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages consists of six academic departments: Asian Languages, Comparative Literature, French and Italian, German Studies, Slavic Languages and Literatures, Spanish and Portuguese, as well as the Language Center which oversees all language instruction at Stanford. All the departments of the division offer academic programs leading to B.A., M.A., and Ph.D degrees. The division brings together scholars and teachers dedicated to the study of literatures, cultures, and languages from humanistic and interdisciplinary perspectives. The departments in the division are distinguished by the quality, size, and diversity of their faculty, a wide variety of approaches to cultural tradition and expression, and the intense focus on the mastery of languages. This wealth of academic resources, together with small classes and the emphasis on individual advising, creates a superior opportunity for students who wish to be introduced to or develop a deeper understanding of non-English speaking cultures.

The division's departments and the Language Center offer instruction at all levels, including introductory and general courses that do not require knowledge of a language other than English. As indicated, they satisfy a variety of undergraduate requirements and can serve as a basis for developing a minor or a major program in the member departments. The more advanced and specialized courses requiring skills in a particular language are listed under the relevant departments, as are descriptions of the minor and major programs.

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