

Romance Languages and Literatures Major Requirements

Prerequisites:

Same as those for majors in French, Italian, and Spanish and for the minor in Portuguese:

- FRENCH 230 or 232 for students of French
- ITALIAN 230, 232, or 233 for students of Italian
- PORTUGUESE 232 or 280 for students of Portuguese
- SPANISH 277 for students of Spanish and/or Catalan

Requirements:

Minimum Credits: 39

A minimum 33 credits of coursework from French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, or Catalan which meet the following qualifications:

- Students will choose two principal Romance languages and take a minimum of 12 credits in each.
- Students have the option of taking up to 9 credits in a third romance language, or of taking the remainder of the 33 credits in their principal languages.
- In each of the two principal languages, 6 credits in upper-level coursework are required ("upper-level" means: 300 or above in French and Italian, 281 or above in Portuguese, 400 or above in Spanish and Catalan). Students can seek permission to advance more quickly to upper-level courses after completing:
 - FRENCH 235 and one FRENCH 250-299 or the equivalent
 - ITALIAN (any of the following) 230, 232, 410, or the equivalent
 - PORTUGUESE (any of the following) 232, 280, 281, or the equivalent
 - SPANISH (two courses, six credits) at 279-399-level, or the equivalent
- II.) One course (minimum 3 credits) in the linguistics of the Romance languages, preferably of a comparative nature.
- III.) ROMLANG 498, the upper division Seminar in RLL.

Constraints

- All of these courses must be taught in target language and must also be courses that would count toward the individual language majors and minors.
- Overall, 15 of the 33 credits must be earned in upper level courses
- The same course cannot be used to satisfy more than one requirement in parts I-III

Residency

A minimum of 21 credits of the required 39 credits for the major must be taken either in residence or through a study-abroad program affiliated with the University of Michigan.

Study Abroad

Study abroad courses must be evaluated by a RLL faculty advisor. Students must make an appointment prior to their departure and after their return for a pre- and post-evaluation.

AP/IB Credit

AP/IB credit earned after completion of one course beyond 232 may be used towards the RLL major (e.g. French 250x). Refer to [RLL's AP/IB webpage](#) for details.

RC Courses

Review RLL's [RC equivalency page](#) for additional information.

Honors

RLL Honors majors are required to complete 42 credits of coursework and successfully defend a thesis. Visit the [Majors and Minors tab](#) on the RLL website for more information; including application details and requirements.

Teaching Certificate

Students interested in obtaining a secondary teaching certificate should study the general requirements for professional preparation, which appear under the "Teacher Certification Program" on this website. Specific subject- area requirements for a teaching certificate can be found on the School of Education website at:

<https://soe.umich.edu/academics-admissions/degrees/certification>

RLL Major Checklist

- Language Sequence Prerequisite (students with AP/IB credit or placement beyond 232 skip to next section):

101 →	102 or 103 →	231 →	232 (abroad option)
Or 100- intensive 1st year		Or 230 -intensive 2nd year (abroad option)	
Term:	Term:	Term:	Term:

- RLL Major Prerequisite:

Term	SPAN 277, FRENCH 232 or 230, ITALIAN 230, 232, or 233, PORTUG 232 or 280	Grade

RLL Major Core Requirements:

- Language 1 _____ Prerequisite _____
- (Min of 12 credits must be in target language 1) (min of 6 upper-level credits)

	Term	Language 1 Courses	Credits	Grade	Upper-Level
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
TOTAL CREDITS (12 minimum) =				Total Upper level (2 min) =	

- Language 2

	Term	400 level course	Credits	Grade	Upper-Level
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
TOTAL CREDITS (12 minimum)				Total Upper level (2 min)=	

Minimum of 15 upper-level credits total

- Optional Third Romance Language (Up to 9 of 33 credits may be third language)

	Term	Course/level	Grade	Upper-Level
1.				
2.				
3.				

- TOTAL 33 credits