Cross-cultural Expertise for Global Leadership
YOUR FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT.

The School of Modern Languages is proud to be a recognized leader in equipping the next generation of global leaders with the applicable knowledge, skills, and professional opportunities necessary to foster meaningful communicative and cultural interactions. Our cross-disciplinary partnerships support the exchange of diverse perspectives and the pursuit of purposeful and innovative education, research, and careers.

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Welcome to the School

Founded in 1905 as the fourth non-engineering department at Georgia Tech, our legacy includes more than a century of innovative, adaptive, and integrated language and culture studies and research. We offer a dozen languages – many less-commonly taught – and unique interdisciplinary degrees, serving as a hub of global engagement. Our experiential, applied, and online learning promotes deep cultural and linguistic competence for a STEM-driven environment. We leverage partnerships with the private and public sector to the benefit of our students, alums, and faculty. We are proud of our faculty’s internationally recognized scholarship, artistic creation, and sponsored research in arts, culture, media, literature, linguistics, sustainability, foreign language pedagogy, and inter- and cross-cultural studies. Known as a leader in applied language studies and cross-cultural humanities research, we are currently undergoing an expansive transition as we strengthen our contributions to the Institute, the greater Atlanta region, the nation, and the world.

Come join us, partner with us, and study with us!

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Priorities and Strengths:

- Unique B.S. and M.S. Degrees
- Innovative Language Learning
- Intercultural Career Education
- Online Courses
- Study Abroad on Five Continents
- Scholarships
- Internships
- Service Learning
- Community & K-12 Outreach
- Philanthropy
- Speaking Engagements
- Interdisciplinary Scholarship
- Sponsored Research

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Who We Are and What We Believe In

Our Purpose:
The School of Modern Languages is a national leader in the study of cultures, languages, linguistics, and media. Our faculty are consistently recognized for their impactful and interdisciplinary research, artistic creation, innovations in curriculum development, expertise in study abroad, and close collaboration with industry professionals. As scholars and educators, we are proud of our established strengths in equipping the next generation of global leaders with the essential knowledge, skills, and professional opportunities necessary to foster meaningful communicative and cultural interactions. Our cross-disciplinary partnerships enable the exchange of diverse perspectives. We support the pursuit of purposeful and innovative scholarship, education, and careers that generate lasting and positive social change.

We Champion:
- Interdisciplinary and innovative research and education in cross-cultural humanities and language studies
- The exchange of diverse perspectives and impactful collaborations and partnerships
- Global competence and inclusivity
- Curiosity about the world and its caretaking
- Transformative experiences and lifelong professional growth

We Support and Adhere to Georgia Tech’s Core Values:
- Integrity
- Respect
- Community
- Accountability
- Adaptability

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The Bachelor of Science in Applied Languages and Intercultural Studies (ALIS) degree program equips the next generation of global leaders with the applicable knowledge, skills, and professional opportunities necessary to foster meaningful communicative and cultural interactions. The degree cultivates linguistic expertise and intercultural competency through applied language study, experiential learning opportunities, study abroad experiences, and cross-disciplinary curriculum. The B.S. in ALIS provides the competitive edge needed to meet the 21st-century language requirements of government agencies, multinational industries, international businesses, and social organizations and non-profits.

In partnership with the School of Economics, this degree prepares students for a career in global business. Graduates fulfill the requirements of industry and government agencies with preparation in understanding global, economically interdependent, multilingual, and multicultural environments. In addition to intensive foreign language preparation, the B.S. GEML degree trains students to live and work effectively in a foreign culture.
Undergraduate Programs

**B.S. in International Affairs and Modern Languages**

In partnership with the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, this degree combines intensive foreign language training with international and regional expertise. The degree also teaches the fundamentals of intercultural communication. IAML graduates—with both linguistic and global competence—will be able to pursue advanced graduate and professional study or find employment in internationally oriented firms, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations.

All three majors (ALIS, GEML, IAML) are available in seven language tracks: Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Spanish. The School of Modern Languages offers fifteen immersive faculty-led study abroad programs on five continents in twenty-five locations.
Graduate Programs

Our graduate programs offer targeted bilingual preparation for careers in media, global industry, and international engagement across sectors. Our approach pairs expertise in a high-impact world language and region with experiential training for a cross-cultural work environment. Through opportunities for internships, media studies, project management, and leadership, students create a personalized professional portfolio that sets them up for success in their careers.

**M.S. in Applied Language and Intercultural Studies**

Complete 30 credit hours of advanced coursework in your target language, achieving professional competence for roles in bilingual and cross-cultural work environments in the private sector, as well as public and non-profit organizations. Available in Spanish. French and German in development.

**5-year BS/MS Option**

Georgia Tech BS-ALIS majors can gain an advanced degree in two semesters, qualifying them for leadership roles in a variety of careers.

**M.S. in Global Media and Cultures**

A joint degree with the School of Literature, Media, and Communication, the MS-GMC is offered in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish, which bridges regional expertise with communications, cutting-edge media studies and personalized advising to help students to design their dream career.

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Support for Graduate Studies

The School aspires to support as many of its students as possible through a combination of fellowships, graduate research assistantships, and teaching assistantships. Our signature GRA programs place students in leadership roles that provide hands-on experience in program development, community engagement, communications, marketing, and education. Our students are change-makers in our School, across campus, and in Atlanta.

“Global at Home” GRA Program

Through this nationally unique GRA program in partnership with Residential Life, students lead and support initiatives that foster diversity, inclusion, and intercultural communication across campus.

“Culture at Work” GRA Program

GRAs work with faculty behind-the-scenes to create new programs, events, and learning experiences for Georgia Tech and Atlanta, striving to create a campus culture of international engagement and cross-cultural bridge-building. We are grateful to our partners: The Atlanta Global Studies Center, The Halle Foundation, Agape Community Center, Near Shore Technologies, and Georgia Tech Residential Life.

For more information on our graduate programs, please visit: grad.modlangs.gatech.edu

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Study abroad on five continents.
Rabat, Morocco
Paris/Nice, France
Dakar, Senegal
Metz, France
Beppu/Kyoto, Japan
Seoul, Korea
Cuenca, Ecuador
Madrid/Granada, Spain
Seville, Spain
Barcelona, Spain
Mexico City, Mexico
Riga, Latvia
St. Petersburg, Russia
Vienna, Austria
Shanghai/Qingdao/Shenzhen, China
Düsseldorf/Stuttgart/Munich/Weimar/Berlin, Germany

LBAT Opportunities
The Language for Business and Technology (LBAT) programs provide unique immersive opportunities for students to become global citizens, acquiring the content knowledge, language skills, and intercultural competence needed to live, learn, and work in international settings.

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Alumni Highlights

The School’s highly accomplished alumni have earned many prestigious fellowships upon graduation and thrive in careers in international enterprise and industry; the non-profit sector; consulting; and local, state, and federal government, representing us globally as leaders in their fields.

Alumni Careers:

- Consular Corps and the U.S. Department of State
- Department of Homeland Security's National Operations Center
- Partnership for Public Service - Washington D.C.
- Porsche Cars North America’s Atlanta Headquarters
- Mercedes-Benz’ U.S. Headquarters
- Global Health Corps
- Foster America Administration for Children’s Services
- International Rescue Committee
- Helen Keller International
- Partners in Health
- AmeriCares
- U.S. State Department Office of Public Affairs, Planning, and Coordination for the Bureau of International Organization Affairs
- Civil Service
- Delta Airlines
- Home Depot
- Turner Broadcasting
Faculty Expertise

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Research Strengths:

- Cultural studies, cultural theory, and critical theory
- Cinema, documentary, media, and literary studies
- Sustainability, globalization, and climate change in society
- Theoretical, comparative, and applied linguistics, particularly sociolinguistics, computational linguistics, language contact, and bilingualism
- Interdisciplinary connections between linguistics, psychology, computer science, and the study of specific foreign languages
- Gender, memory, race, and urban studies
- Popular culture and music, visual arts, poetry, and performance
- Digital humanities and new media
- Career education and humanities for the professions
- Instructional technology, foreign language pedagogy, and curriculum development
- Cross- and inter-cultural communication in context
- Science, technology, and environmental studies
- Service learning, community engagement, and social justice

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Established in 2018, The Atlanta Global Studies Center (AGSC) is a partnership of Georgia Institute of Technology and Georgia State University. A National Resource Center and a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship program, AGSC is funded by a Title VI grant from the U.S. Department of Education. This prestigious designation is awarded to only seven centers with a focus on international studies in the nation.

The Center’s mission is to enhance access to advanced language learning and deepen knowledge of global and intercultural issues for the benefit of Atlanta region students, faculty and the public. AGSC integrates and emphasizes principles of Education for Sustainable Development and UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

The Center engages students throughout Atlanta — including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) students; community college students; and first-generation and low-income students. AGSC offers both undergraduate and graduate FLAS fellowships for summer and academic year to Georgia Tech and Georgia State students for study of foreign languages and global issues. The Center also brings exciting programming including film screenings, symposia, lectures, and various professional development opportunities for students.

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The Atlanta Global Studies Center (AGSC), a consortium of Georgia Tech and Georgia State University is pleased to announce the ability for students to apply for FLAS Fellowships.

The FLAS fellowships assist undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree students in achieving competency in selected foreign languages in combination with international and area studies coursework. The Foreign Language & Area studies (FLAS) Fellowships are available for the less commonly taught languages of Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Persian/Farsi, Portuguese, Russian, and Swahili.

Funding for advanced French, German, and Spanish languages may be available. FLAS fellowships can be used to study abroad (Summer) or on campus (academic year).

For more information, please visit the Atlanta Global Studies Center website at atlantaglobalstudies.gatech.edu
How to Support Us

We invite each of you to engage more deeply with the College, to understand current goals and priorities needs. Whether through philanthropic gifts or gifts of time and talent, your support is vital to our ability to sustain the leading edge and realize the promises of

- Our remarkably talented students
- Our faculty, whose research has commanding presence in their field and defines the future horizons
- Our vision of academic excellence, innovation and entrepreneurship

Please contact Keatley Scroggins, Director of Development for Ivan Allen College, to explore opportunities for student support and mentoring, faculty support and program enrichment.

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