“The Languages and Linguistics Department had really good classes, even for just minoring in a language. I even had a class that focused just on pronunciation and accents. My minor helped me get a TEFL English teaching job through Volunteers Colombia on the Caribbean coast of the country.

Upon my return, it has helped me get a job in Boston for an online brand protection agency where I deal with a lot of marketplaces and policy translations in Mexico, Venezuela, Spain and other Spanish-speaking countries.”

Brianna Pintauro ’16
Spanish Minor

About Us
Languages and Linguistics offers students a portal to global awareness by promoting understanding, acceptance and diversity. In this globally minded setting students have unique options to expand their knowledge. Some of the programs offered include a major or minor in French and Spanish; minors in TESOL and Applied Linguistics; and language course offerings in American Sign Language. Languages and Linguistic students also have opportunities for study abroad experiences around the world.

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Welcome to our department!
Learning a foreign language, and studying linguistics, has many professional and cultural benefits that give you an edge in our world!

Why minor in Languages and Linguistics at PSU?
- It takes just 15-18 credits to add a minor.
- Our minor courses also count as electives.
- Languages and linguistics skills will give you a competitive edge in the global marketplace.
- Many of our minor courses can also count as general education courses.

Why Study Languages and Linguistics?
- Gain new perspectives on life and the world we live in.
- Effectively communicate with people from other cultures.
- Relate better to diversity within our communities.
- Increase your understanding of other cultures as well as your own.
- Have more opportunities to work or study abroad.
- Become more marketable to potential employers (and have more job opportunities)!

“From the late night study sessions spent prepping for a final exam, to the hours spent working on the department’s website, my experiences as both a student and an undergraduate fellow shaped the path to where I am today. As a Spanish minor, I was able to take a variety of courses in Spanish literature, culture, and language. These courses not only allowed me to sharpen my second language skills, they also opened my eyes to the beauty of other cultures. I was also fortunate to complete a TESOL Certificate (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), which gave me opportunities to teach abroad in Spain and now in China. My time working in the Languages and Linguistics Department allowed me to work on projects that helped the department grow, including marketing to prospective students and creating events to bring current students together.”

Addie Weller ’15
Spanish Minor and TESOL Certificate

“I express my deepest gratitude to the entire Languages and Linguistics Department at Plymouth State University for aligning me toward achieving success in my graduate work and my current careers [teaching Spanish at a High School]. I always think of my professors from PSU as the ones who prepared and inspired me to do the work that I do today. They were the selfless individuals who supported me, challenged me, and believed in me during my four years at PSU, which were of constant transformation and growth as I worked toward finding my direction in life. My professors provided me with countless enriching learning opportunities, in and out of department, that allowed me to discover my true strengths and passions not only in my areas of studies, but also in life. The long-lasting relationships that the faculty and staff of the Languages and Linguistics Department continue to maintain with me attest to the devotion that they have to life-long success.”

Mike Farkas ’14
Spanish Major, French Minor and TESOL Certificate

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