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**Western Kentucky University**  
**UA68/7 Modern Languages**  
**Series 1 Publications**

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**Biographical/Historical Note:** Latin and Greek courses were offered from the beginning of the Western Kentucky State Normal School. In 1909, Latin, Greek, French, and German were offered to students by the Department of Ancient and Modern Languages. The number of classes offered increased into the 1940s, particularly Latin, French, and German. The class offerings were stable in the 1950s, except Spanish, which was growing. In 1961, equipment for a listening lab was installed. Greek classes were taught again in 1964 for the first time since 1931; a Russian minor was added in 1965; and Chinese was first offered in 1966 by Herbert Rooney.

Summer sessions in Mexico began in 1964 with Dr. Hatcher directing. Dr. Baldwin helped found the Kentucky Institute of International Studies in 1975. Study abroad in Mexico and Canada was available in 1970, and France in 1972. Graduate level courses were offered in the early 1970s.

But in the 1970s, interest in studying languages began to drop. Latin and Russian were dropped and graduate programs were reduced. Ancient languages continued gradually moving to Religious Studies. On 07/01/1981, the folk studies program was combined with the Department of Foreign Languages and became the Department of Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies. Anthropology joined the department in 1996.

Interest in foreign languages began to grow again in the late 1990s. On 07/01/2004, the department separated into the Department of Modern Languages and Department of Folk Studies and Anthropology. A general education requirement was added and enrollment in Spanish, German, and Chinese increased.

**Department Heads:**

Macon Leiper, 1909-

F.C. Grise, 1918-1949

Paul Hatcher, 1959-1967

C.P. Brown, 1968-08/15/1989

Luz Maria "Luzma" Umpierre, 7/1/1989-1992

Lynwood Montell (interim), 1992-6/30/1993

Larry Danielson, 7/1/1993-6/30/1996

Thomas Baldwin, 7/1/1996-1999

Linda Pickle, 7/1/1999-2006

Carol Wilkerson, 2006-

No dept. head listed 2008-2009

Laura McGee (interim), 2009-2011

Laura McGee, 2011-(current in 2014)

Sources:

UA68/8/7 Pickle, Linda, 100 Years of Languages at WKU

[http://www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/100\\_years\\_languages/](http://www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/100_years_languages/)

UA2 Board of Regents Minutes, various

Spurlock, Suzanne, A History of the Development of the Foreign Language Department at Western Kentucky University, December 1974

UA45 State Normal Bulletin, Vol. 3, No. 4, August 1909

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Description	various, for prospective students			Subjects Language Curriculum
Box 1	3	WKU Modern Languages	1972-1980	Events and Workshops
Description	Babcock, James. Letter to Western Colleague, re: You are invited to the Barber of Seville performance by Treteau de Paris, 10/05/1972 Conversational Spanish Course for Faculty and Staff, nd French Film Week 1983			Subjects Awards Clippings Concerts Guitar music.

International Film Series, 1974-1975, 1976-1977, 1979-1980  
 Love Fest '99, 02/14/1999  
 Program for Le Chateau-- Yquem presented by the Advanced French Class, 01/06/1920  
 Summer Workshops for Foreign Language Teachers, 1987  
 Concert of the Discovery with Jose Franco, 1976

Motion picture festivals  
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 Workshops

Box 1	4	WKU Modern Languages	1965-1997	Publicity	
Description	Donation Increases Western Travel Fund, PCDN, 05/05/1997 Heile, Daniel Kay, Joan, 17 Western Students Bone Up on Mexico, LCJ, 08/12/1965 Martin, Mona Lee Stall, Teresa To Study Overseas, PCDN, 06/11/1978 Western Students Receive Credit for Study at University of the Americas (photo and caption), PCDN, 08/05/1965			Subjects	Clippings Travel
Box 1	5	WKU Modern Languages	2006	Newsletter	
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