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**Western Kentucky University**  
**UA68 Potter College of Arts & Letters**  
**Series 7 Modern Languages**  
**Subseries 1 Publications**

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**Administrative History:** 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 July 1, 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 July 1, 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, 1918-1959

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

[https://www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/100\\_years\\_languages/](https://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

**Description:** Publications created by and about the Modern Languages department.

**Dates:** 1965-present

**Extent:** 5 folders, 1 audioreel, oversize

**Subject Analytics:**

Clippings

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	<b>WKU Archives</b>	
	<b>Publications created by and about the Modern Languages department.</b>	

## Container List

<b>Container</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Creator</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>
Box 1	1	Modern Languages (WKU)	1974, 2005	History
Description	Faculty Pickle, Linda, 100 Years of Languages at WKU, December 2005, available online at <a href="https://www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/100_years_languages/">https://www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/100_years_languages/</a> Spurlock, Suzanne, A History of the Development of the Foreign Language Department at Western Kentucky University, 12/13/1974			Subjects History
Box 1	2	Modern Languages (WKU)	1977-1987, nd	Brochures and Curriculum
Description	Discover New Worlds, Learn a Foreign Language, 1977 French Major, nd German 132, 1977 Modern Languages, nd Modern Languages & Intercultural Studies, 1987 Programs in Modern Languages, nd Spanish Major, nd			Subjects Language Curriculum
Box 1	3	Modern Languages (WKU)	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 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			Subjects Awards Clippings Concerts Guitar music. Motion picture festivals Theatrical productions Workshops
Box 1	4	Modern Languages (WKU)	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			Subjects Clippings Travel

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

Box 1	5	Modern Languages (WKU)	2006	Newsletter
Description	Gaceta Cultural de WKU, Vol. 1, No. 1, March 2006, D3115 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3248">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3248</a>			
	Bishop, David Llantop, Luis Munoz, Paulina Spanish language			
Box 26		Modern Languages (WKU)	1968	Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audioreels - 1			Subjects Audio recording
	A - Speech/discussion in unidentified foreign language, 1968 B - Teachers discussing use of audiovisual equipment in classroom, 1968			
OS Box 6	28	Modern Languages (WKU)		Publications
Description	"The Molly Ahye Company of Trinidad & Tobago," sponsored by WKU Center for Latin American Studies, June 12, nd			Subjects Posters