

MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGE STUDIES (MCLS)

MCLS 10001 INTRODUCTION TO STRUCTURAL CONCEPTS FOR LANGUAGE STUDENTS 3 Credit Hours

Prepares students for successful study of a foreign language; includes introduction to basic grammatical concepts such as use of verb tenses, personal pronouns, etc., as well as strategies for learning a foreign language efficiently.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 10095 SPECIAL TOPICS IN ELEMENTARY FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDY 1-3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Study of a foreign language at the elementary level (Elementary I or II) or intermediate level (Intermediate I or II) as determined appropriate by the department. No proficiency needed for work at the Elementary I level; proficiency equivalent of Elementary I for work at the Elementary II level, at Elementary II for the Intermediate I level, and at Intermediate I for the Intermediate II level.

Prerequisite: Special approval.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 1-3 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 14421 INTRODUCTION TO YIDDISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE 3 Credit Hours

This course is an introduction to the Yiddish language and the culture of Eastern European Jewry. The objectives of the course are twofold. The first is linguistic. Students should be able to read and write basic Yiddish and understand the fundamentals of Yiddish grammar. The second important objective of this course is to offer students an introduction to the richness of Yiddish culture of the past two centuries. This component of the course will include lectures and readings in English, films (documentary and dramatic), poetry, short fiction along with folk tales in English translation and the singing of Yiddish folk songs.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 20001 GLOBAL LITERACY AND CULTURAL AWARENESS (KADL) 3 Credit Hours

Introduction to dimensions of cultural identity and parameters of cultural expression, with a focus on fostering cultural awareness skills. By exploring the ways in which culture shapes us, students gain a better understanding of the dynamics shaping their world, the world of others, and their respective places in it. Discussion of real-world critical incidents, authentic cultural ethnographies, and case studies provide students with concrete examples and contexts to solve problems linked to encounters with persons of different linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Attributes: Kent Core Additional

MCLS 20089 INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE (DIVG) (ELR) 1-4 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) A study abroad experience that integrates traditional classroom learning with experiential activities and site visits outside the United States. This course includes some language skill development content during the international experience, varying as appropriate on a case by case basis.

Prerequisite: Special approval.

Schedule Type: International Experience

Contact Hours: 1-4 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Attributes: Diversity Global, Experiential Learning Requirement

MCLS 20091 VARIABLE CONTENT SEMINAR IN GLOBAL LITERACY: CASE STUDIES 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) In-depth study of the interaction between two or more cultures of the world, focusing on the impact of linguistic and other cultural differences. Topics will vary.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 21417 MULTICULTURALISM IN TODAY'S GERMANY (DIVG) 3 Credit Hours

This course examines how issues of diversity have shaped German culture and traces the country's transformation into a postnational, multicultural society. Taught in English; knowledge of German not necessary.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Attributes: Diversity Global

MCLS 21420 WOMEN OF ARAB SOCIETIES 3 Credit Hours

This course will consider questions and lead to fruitful discussions about the changing roles and representation of women in contemporary Arab societies. It will highlight the social forces behind Arab women's status in society. It will also enable a better understanding of how Arab women are perceived in local, regional, and global contexts. The course is taught in English, does not presume prior knowledge in Arabic, and is open to all students in any program.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 22217 DIVERSITY IN TODAY'S RUSSIA (DIVG) 3 Credit Hours

This course examines how issues of diversity have shaped Russian culture and traces Russia's attempts at transition to a postnational, multicultural society. Taught in English; knowledge of Russian not necessary.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Attributes: Diversity Global

MCLS 28403 HISPANICS IN THE UNITED STATES 3 Credit Hours

An introduction to historic and cultural aspects of Latino experiences in the United States using a comparative approach focusing on Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, Central Americans and other immigrants from other Latin American countries, living in the United States. The course is taught in English.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 28404 THE LATIN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (DIVG) 3 Credit Hours

An introduction to various aspects of contemporary Latin American societies and cultures. Taught in English; knowledge of a foreign language is not necessary.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Attributes: Diversity Global

MCLS 30089 INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE (DIVG) (ELR) 1-4 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) A Kent State faculty-led study abroad experience that integrates traditional classroom learning with experiential activities and site visits outside the United States. This course includes some language skill development content during the international experience, varying as appropriate on a case by case basis.

Prerequisite: Special approval.

Schedule Type: International Experience

Contact Hours: 1-4 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Attributes: Diversity Global, Experiential Learning Requirement

MCLS 30096 INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION 1-3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Individual research on a topic dealing with modern and classical language topics carried out under the supervision of a faculty member. The work for this course should result in a paper, presentation or some other appropriate gradable product(s).

Prerequisite: One upper-division (30000 or 40000 level) course with a minimum B grade; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Individual Investigation

Contact Hours: 3-9 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 30420 FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND CULTURE STUDIES 3 Credit Hours

Examines the anthropological, linguistic and cultural dimensions involved in language interactions. Students acquire the skills necessary to analyze language and culture "in action" from verbal and non-verbal perspectives, and to identify and reflect on the distinctive viewpoints of other cultures and speakers of other languages. Interactive lectures, discussions and application activities build on students' current linguistic and cultural competence.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 30660 ORIENTATION TO SECOND LANGUAGE PEDAGOGY 3 Credit Hours

Theories of human development and learning, second language acquisition research and second language methodology form the basis for classroom practices. Peer-teaching and 30 hours of field experience required.

Prerequisite: Special approval.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 39597 INTRADEPARTMENTAL COLLOQUIUM 1-4 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Permits students to explore areas of special interest not usually covered in standard departmental courses, e.g. movies and literature, women in literature.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Colloquium

Contact Hours: 1-4 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 40093 VARIABLE TITLE WORKSHOP IN MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGE STUDIES 1-6 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Workshops individually designed to provide instruction and training in specific areas of modern and classical language studies.

Prerequisite: Departmental special approval.

Schedule Type: Workshop

Contact Hours: 1-6 other

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

MCLS 40095 SELECTED TOPICS 1-3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit when topic varies) Topic to be announced in the schedule of classes.

Prerequisite: Senior standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 1-3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 40096 INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION 1-3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Individual research on a topic dealing with modern and classical language topics carried out under the supervision of a faculty member. The work for this course should result in a paper, presentation or some other appropriate gradable product(s).

Prerequisite: One upper-division (30000 or 40000 level) course with a minimum B grade; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Individual Investigation

Contact Hours: 3-9 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 40510 INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with MCLS 50510 and MCLS 70510) This course provides an introduction to natural language processing, discusses methods to analyze translation product and translation process data and applies and evaluates machine learning methods on natural language data. Students use tools to transform texts into structured representations that are elementary for numerous applications, artificial intelligence, data analytics and predictive modeling. Knowledge of Python strongly encouraged, but not required.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 40525 INQUIRY INTO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE 3 Credit Hours

Foreign language teaching as a profession and the teacher as disciplined investigator. The final seminar of four is conducted during the student teaching semester with emphasis on collaborative and individual classroom problem solving.

Prerequisite: Special approval.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 40654 COMPUTERS IN SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHING 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed and MCLS 50654) Designed for future teachers of language and culture, this course explores the availability of technology, its implementation in the classroom and its integration with second language skills.

Prerequisite: MCLS 30660.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 40660 METHODS OF TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGE 3 Credit Hours

Theoretical bases, approaches, methods, materials and techniques of foreign language instruction at the elementary and secondary levels. Peer-teaching and 30 hours of field experience required.

Prerequisite: MCLS 30660; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 40692 STUDENT TEACHING OF A SECOND LANGUAGE (ELR) 3-9 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Supervised practicum in the teaching of a second language, grades K-12.

Prerequisite: MCLS 30660 and MCLS 40660; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Practical Experience

Contact Hours: 9-27 other

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory-IP

Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

MCLS 50093 VARIABLE TITLE WORKSHOP IN MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGE STUDIES 1-6 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Workshops individually designed to provide instruction and training in specific areas of modern and classical language studies.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Workshop

Contact Hours: 1-6 other

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

MCLS 50095 SELECTED TOPICS 1-3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit when topic varies) Topic to be announced in the schedule of classes.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 1-3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 50510 INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with MCLS 40510 and MCLS 70510) This course provides an introduction to natural language processing, discusses methods to analyze translation product and translation process data and applies and evaluates machine learning methods on natural language data. Students use tools to transform texts into structured representations that are elementary for numerous applications, artificial intelligence, data analytics and predictive modeling. Knowledge of Python strongly encouraged, but not required.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 50654 COMPUTERS IN SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHING 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with MCLS 40654) Designed for teachers of language and culture, this course explores the availability of technology, its implementation in the classroom and its integration with foreign language skills.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 50660 METHODS OF TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGES 3 Credit Hours

Theoretical bases, approaches, methods, materials and techniques of foreign language instruction at the elementary and secondary levels. Peer teaching 30 hours of field experience and curriculum guide required.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 60094 COLLEGE TEACHING OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES 1 Credit Hour

(Repeatable for credit) An introduction to current principles and issues in the teaching of foreign languages at the college elementary and intermediate levels. Required of departmental teaching assistants.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 1 lecture

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

MCLS 60098 RESEARCH 1-6 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Research or scholarly activity on a topic related to modern and classical language studies carried out under the supervision of a faculty member. The work for this course should result in a paper, presentation or some other appropriate gradable product(s).

Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Research

Contact Hours: 3-18 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 60330 APPROACHES TO LITERATURE AND CULTURE 3 Credit Hours

Introduction to the major critical theories used for the analysis of literature and culture.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 60601 LINGUISTICS FOR THE LANGUAGE PROFESSIONS 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with ENG 63040) Students will be introduced to basic linguistic issues and how these relate to the language professions. Course focuses on functional principles, especially on options to express textual, interpersonal and ideational/experiential meaning.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 60622 TEACHING LITERATURE AND CULTURE 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with ENG 63038) Students will explore theories of literature and culture teaching as well as strategies for teaching literature and culture.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 60623 SOCIOCULTURAL THEORY AND FOREIGN AND SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with ENG 63048) The foundations of sociocultural theory and its applications to the second and foreign language classroom.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 60624 HERITAGE LANGUAGES AND SECOND LANGUAGE LEARNING 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with ENG 63047) Theory and practice in language education of heritage language speakers. Ethnic, minority, ancestral, and community languages and language practices will be explored with implications for second and additional language learning in English, foreign language, bilingual education.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 60625 SOCIOLINGUISTICS 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with ENG 63034)(Slashed with ENG 73034) Discussion of sociolinguistic approaches to understanding literacy, language in workplaces and classrooms and societal multilingualism. Survey of trends in sociolinguistic thought and method.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 60661 THEORIES IN SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with ENG 63033 and ENG 73033) This course surveys the major theoretical approaches to language acquisition, concentrating on second language acquisition and the relationship between acquisition/learning research and second language teaching approaches.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 60663 SECOND LANGUAGE CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with ENG 63039) Students study second language curriculum and assessment design and current issues, including oral proficiency testing.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 60664 SECOND LANGUAGE READING 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with ENG 63044) This course addresses a wide variety of topics related to second language reading, including theoretical perspectives, the process of learning to read, models of how reading happens, comprehension, fluency, discourse structures, strategy use, and vocabulary acquisition. Teaching issues related to second language reading will also be addressed directly, namely assessment and curriculum building.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 60665 SECOND LANGUAGE WRITING 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with ENG 63043) Theory and practice in teaching second language writing. Topics will include current and historic approaches to second language writing, approaches to tutoring international students in writing centers, teacher and peer response, error correction and technology in second language writing instruction.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 63049 SECOND LANGUAGE RESEARCH METHODS 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with ENG 63049) This course provides students with skills for reading, interpreting and conducting research studies investigating second/foreign language teaching, learning and/or use. Students learn about quantitative and qualitative research methods commonly used in second language research. Students also conduct a research project.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MCLS 70510 INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with MCLS 40510 and MCLS 50510) This course provides an introduction to natural language processing, discusses methods to analyze translation product and translation process data and applies and evaluates machine learning methods on natural language data. Students use tools to transform texts into structured representations that are elementary for numerous applications, artificial intelligence, data analytics and predictive modeling. Knowledge of Python strongly encouraged, but not required.

Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter