

DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

UAB – COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

January/February 2023



UAB Department of
World Languages and Literatures

JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

Conversation Tables

Chinese:

Jan. 31, Feb. 14 & 28, Mar. 21,
Apr. 4, Apr 18

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Location: University Hall 3007

Check the online dates here



French:

Location: UH 3007

Feb 15, Mar 8, Apr 5

Time: 12:30 pm to 1:15 pm

Japanese:

Feb 22 and Apr 19

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm

University Hall 3007

Check the online dates here



Spanish:

Location: UH 3007

Feb 10, Mar 3, Mar 24, Apr 14

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Click below for more details!



Welcome Back!



The Department of World Languages and Literatures welcomes you to the new semester! As we are excited for the upcoming events this Spring, we wanted to highlight some of our favorite events from Fall 2022.

LET'S GET
SOCIAL



Fall 2022

Here are some highlights!

The Chinese Society and other student clubs hosted an Asian Festival for UAB students. Attendees enjoyed the food and experienced cultural games and performances from each organization.



Students Timmy Weng, Wendy Yang, Amy Lin and Eric Cheng



The Spanish Club hosted the Cena Latina to end the semester. Students and faculty came to celebrate the close of another great semester!

Fall 2022

In August 2022, the Japanese professors hosted a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony where former Japanese student Mr. Josh Haynes demonstrated the Tea Ceremony.



Coffee Fridays are back! As part of the Wellness Initiative at UAB, the DWLL hosted a coffee and cookie hour last semester that will continue this Spring every Friday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm in UH 3105! This is a great opportunity to connect with students in the department, chat with your professors, and meet some new faces!

Scholarships

The Department of World Languages and Literatures offers many scholarships for students, such as the Dr. William E. Doggett III, the Passion for Poetry Scholarship and more! Make sure to go to UAB BSMART to view more details and apply. The deadline to apply and submit is Tuesday, January 31, 2023.



Become a minor or major!

The Department of World Languages and Literatures offers students many opportunities and tracks to fit their interests! Majors include French, Japanese, Spanish and Applied Professional Spanish. Minor concentrations include Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Spanish, and Spanish for Business. If you are looking to minor in a language, what are you waiting for? Minors in any language consist of 12 hours from 200-level or higher courses. Stand out among the rest and minor in a language today!



Study Abroad This Summer!

Japan

There are two exciting study abroad opportunities to Japan! One is a summer program in July 2023, and the other is a semester-long signature program in Fall 2023. Apply now before the application deadline!



Explore the capital of Japan, Tokyo and the suburbs, Hiroshima, and Kyoto region. Tokyo offers tradition and innovation, and unlimited opportunities to eat, shop and explore. Hiroshima offers a unique perspective on peace through history. Kyoto is the former capital city of Japan and world-famous for its refined culture, dining, and charm of rural Japan. Osaka is a charming, relaxed city best known for its food, fun and nightlife—with some history and culture peeking through.



If you are interested, you can email Dr. Takamiya at takamiya@uab.edu or click below to find out more. The deadline to apply for the Summer program is February 1, 2023.



Semester Program



Summer Program

Study Abroad This Summer!

Spain

Have you ever wanted to travel to Spain? Here is your chance! There are two incredible trips this summer.



The first is a hiking trip from from June 14 to June 26 from A Coruna, Spain and leads to Santiago de Compostela. Participants will travel for cultural purposes along the Camino Inglés, named for the English pilgrims who historically traveled this route.



Scan the QR code to find out more or email Dr. Moore at jkmooore@uab.edu

The second trip is to Salamanca, Spain from June 18 to July 16. Salamanca is a modern and dynamic city, with incredible architecture and fascinating history. Some highlights Salamanca offers are the nearby Medieval villages, local mountains and opportunities to make connections as you stay with a host family.



Scan the QR code to find out more or email Dr. Chambless: kristachambless@uab.edu
The application deadline is March 1, 2023.



Alumni Spotlight



GRACEMARIE CEPERO LOPEZ

*Class of 2022, Spanish Major
Graduate Program in Biomedical
Health*

Very few skills are going to open new doors the way that learning and mastering another language does. Here at UAB, learning a language is not just about grammar and vocabulary; it's about learning how to apply what you learn in the classroom into the real world.

I hope that everyone that's a part of this program takes advantage of all that the Department of World Languages has to offer because you will leave so much richer in knowledge and culture.

Alumni Spotlight



LINCOLN MACLEAN

*Class of 2020, Spanish and French Major
Middle School Educator, MA Student*

My name is Lincoln MacLean and I graduated from UAB in the spring of 2020 with my B.A. in FLL (French & Spanish). I just started my 2nd year as a 6th-8th grade Spanish teacher at Tuscaloosa Magnet Schools- Middle and

have returned to UAB to work toward my M.A.Ed through the Alternative Master's Program. Learning other languages has not only helped to develop the skills needed for my profession but has allowed me to connect to others in my adventures abroad and in my own community.

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I serve a diverse community, and speaking to my students and their families in their language helps value their identities and make connections to Spanish.

Alumni Spotlight



MASON SIMMONS

Class of 2021, Psychology Major, Minor in Chinese
UAB Education Abroad Office

After my Chinese 101 course, I was inspired to study abroad for an academic year in Chengdu, China. Now, I work for UAB in the office of Education Abroad helping students work, study, and intern abroad. My background with foreign languages and the obstacles presented by communicating in one's non-native language assist me every day when working with international companies, universities, and students by giving me a deeper understanding of the communication differences between cultures.

Studying Chinese with Professor Ma was a decision that has permanently and positively impacted the course of my life both professionally and personally, and I believe it is the main reason that I am now thriving in a career that I deeply enjoy. I appreciate her hard work and belief in my abilities throughout my language journey.

Learning the Chinese language also gave me an advantage when going into the field of International Education due to how few Education Abroad professionals studied Chinese or any other Asian language or culture. It was a distinguishing factor for my resume and gives me the ability to connect with a group of students that is otherwise under-represented by their advisors and study abroad staff.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chinese Events

Feb 8, 5:30pm – 8pm

Welcome Back Karaoke
Night, UH 2005

Japanese Events

March 7 – Music Concert TBA
March 9 – Tea Ceremony TBA

German Events

Feb 2, 7–8:30pm Trivia, CH 301

March 2, 7–9pm, German Film Night, CH 301

April 6, 7–8:30pm, Board Game Night, UH 3105

Spanish Events

February 1, 5:30–7:30pm – Palomitas Film Club, UH 3010

February 22, 5:30–7:30pm – Palomitas Film Club, UH 2005

March 8, 5:30–7:30pm – Palomitas Film Club, UH 2005

April 5, 5:30–7:30pm – Palomitas Film Club, UH 2005

Don't forget to check out the
Conversation Tables for all languages!



Click the arrow to view.