Being admitted to any of the majors within the School of Literatures, Cultures, & Linguistics at Illinois is a great achievement. Congratulations! Of course, you now face an important decision. As you consider your options for college, we want to convey our commitment to accompany you on your journey.

The School of Literatures, Cultures, & Linguistics is a cultural hub where you will be able to acquire career skills for a global age: knowledge of other languages; ability to communicate across cultures; historical knowledge; and critical perspectives on the world. Acquiring such intercultural competence, however, is not just about having the capability to function well in a globally connected world. It is also crucial for a better understanding of American society in all its true cultural plurality and complexity. At Illinois, you will have the tools to become a more engaged and productive citizen: of your own country, and the world.

Our faculty have come from all across the globe to be a part of this great institution. As a student, you will benefit from our cultural, linguistic, and academic expertise, as well as our international connections. You will have the best of both worlds: an environment where faculty know you personally and the impressive resources of a world-known institution.

If you know your goals, we are ready to help you achieve them. If you are not sure of where you are going yet, we are confident that we can help you explore options and find your purpose.

A well-known Chinese proverb states, “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” We hope that you will take that first step here. We are confident that if you do so, your time at Illinois will be one of discovery and growth beyond your expectations.

Best wishes,

Luisa Elena Delgado
Director, School of Literatures, Cultures, & Linguistics
Professor of Spanish, Criticism & Interpretive Theory, Gender & Women’s Studies
Understand your world.
The School of Literatures, Cultures, & Linguistics is a cultural hub on campus, dedicated to providing you with the knowledge that only a globally focused education can provide. Your major will help you gain the cultural and linguistic skills crucial for all 21st century professionals.

A liberal arts education at a world-class research institution
Forge meaningful relationships with award-winning faculty in small classes while enjoying the resources of an internationally renowned institution and access to some of the most successful general education courses on campus. Each of our majors provides transformative learning experiences that will prepare you to understand and contribute to a dynamic, diverse, globally connected society.

• Classics
• Comparative literature
• East Asian languages and cultures
• Foreign language teacher education
• French
• German
• Italian
• Linguistics
• Portuguese
• Religion
• Slavic studies
• Spanish
• World literature

Faith and Self in a Global Context; American Race and Ethnicity in the Classical Tradition; Language, Technology and Society; Indian Cinema in Context; Spanish in the Community; Viking to Volvos; Popular Cultures of Contemporary East Asia; and Literary Responses to the Holocaust.

Take advantage of every opportunity
As a student within the School of Literatures, Cultures, & Linguistics, you’ll be able to:

• Combine your interests and build a unique course of study. German and Economics; Spanish and Psychology; Computer Science and Linguistics; Chinese and Global Studies...the options are endless.
• Immerse yourself in a different culture through our many study abroad programs.
• Learn within a diverse environment. Illinois is the top public university in the United States for international students and, as such, is one of the most diverse educational environments in the country.
• Take advantage of internship, scholarship, and career development opportunities.
• Map and help create your life after college through the new Humanities Professional Resource Center.

Did You Know?
• Demand for workers who speak languages other than English is on a sustained rise.
• Intercultural skills are some of the most highly valued skills amongst employers globally.
• The ability to work well in teams, especially with people different from yourself, is the number one attribute employers look for in college graduates.

My specific knowledge of Brazil and command of Portuguese, coupled with my cross-cultural awareness and international focus, has certainly given me an edge in my career.”

— Ashley Nagele (BA, ’16, Portuguese), assistant director of development, molecular & cellular biology, University of Illinois

JOIN THE ILLINOIS COMMUNITY
Illinois offers a world-class education in a micro-urban community on a campus with endless opportunities. Choose Illinois and accept your admission today. Go to admissions.illinois.edu/myillini.

Have questions or need more information? Contact the advisor for your major. Find a full list at go.las.illinois.edu/advisors.