

# Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

## Exploration Through Language

### Liberal Arts and Science: Language and Culture Option (LNC.AA)

The Language and Culture Option is a new transfer program that is starting at Camden County College with the Fall 2009 semester.

Professor Martine Howard, who chairs the Language and Culture Department, explains that a working

major into which they may transfer. Among them are foreign language and international relations programs.

“Students taking this program will develop a cross-cultural awareness as they compare and contrast their own culture,” Professor Howard says, noting that faculty will mentor their students. “It is rewarding to see



knowledge of listening, speaking, writing and reading a foreign language will be emphasized.

“Students will receive a strong general education background as they pursue a concentration in a foreign language, including the culture of those who use that language natively,” she says.

Students who receive their associate's degrees in this program will find a variety of baccalaureate

students develop their appreciation of other cultures over the course of their education.”

Many students also take advantage of participating in travel abroad, an activity Professor Howard coordinates annually during spring break.

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## Meet Our Faculty

Born and educated in Belgium before moving to the United States and earning degrees from Camden County College, Rowan University and the University of Delaware, Professor **Martine Howard** brings a unique perspective to her language and culture classes. Among the contrasts she notes between “there” and “here” is the level of decorum in the classroom.



“It is more formal there and more difficult for teachers to get to know their students,” she says.

Students in Professor Howard's classes range from recent high school graduates to retirees who want to learn a foreign language or know more about a foreign culture. No matter what their experience, her real-world background allows her students to use language to better understand other cultures.

“When they meet a person from another country,” she says, “they are better able to understand why that person may act in a certain way.”

Although Camden County College offers students many choices in foreign languages, Professor Howard especially enjoys teaching French.

“Seeing students grow in four semesters from French 101 through French 202, where they can converse in a foreign language, is rewarding,” she says.

Professor Howard encourages students to see beyond their homeland's borders through CCC's annual educational trips abroad. She coordinates these excursions to take place during spring break, and they are open to students and to the community. So far, she has led trips to France, Spain, England and Greece and will be returning to Europe in 2010.

In addition to travel, Professor Howard is a fan of online learning as a reinforcement tool. She recently received a Faculty Special Project Grant to create podcasts and is looking into a Second Life site.

“I love to explore technology and try to use as many tools as possible to make the learning experience authentic,” she says, noting that CCC's language lab allows students to take advantage of new technology.

Professor Howard is a member of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, an honor bestowed upon only five percent of the educators in the United States. She also advises the College's chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma, the national collegiate honor society for international language studies.

More information about CCC's language and culture programs is available by listening to Professor Howard's podcasts, which are located at [www.camdencc.edu](http://www.camdencc.edu) at the “CCC on iTunes U” link.

## Understanding the Past, Planning for Future in Field of History

### Liberal Arts and Science: History Option (HST.AA)

This new associate in arts degree program was created specifically for students who are interested in transferring to a four-year college or university to major in history.

According to Professor Theodore Barthold, who chairs CCC's History Department, the program is well-suited for students who want to

teach history or are interested in history-related fields.

Students obtain a broader exposure to

historical periods and areas beyond the general education requirements for an associate in arts degree. For example, major movements and

development in Western, world and American civilizations are covered. The curriculum also provides students with a well-rounded background in liberal arts, including language, social sciences, humanities, technology, science and mathematics.



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