

TERM:	FALL 2025	
COURSE TITLE:	Senior Capstone Project	
COURSE NUMBER:	MDLG 4990.01	CRN 41648
SECTION TIMES/DAYS	TBD	
INSTRUCTOR:	Prof. Yu Li	

COURSE DESCRIPTION/PRINCIPAL TOPICS

The Senior Capstone Project requires students to construct a professional-quality portfolio of representative works generated during their MDLG major course of study. These include (1) a carefully selected variety of corrected written, visual, and/or recorded materials created during the required courses (MDLG 3400 and MDLG 4400 / FNLT 4200, or their equivalents) and courses taken in both language concentrations (A and B); (2) an original reflective essay on the University's mission, among other considerations; and (3) a description of extracurricular activities connected to the MDLG major. Students give a presentation of their portfolio and answer questions from a faculty panel at the oral defense. This course is graded CR/NC.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

By completing the Senior Capstone Project, students will be able to demonstrate

- Knowledge of the principal aspects of two additional languages and cultures;
- Proficiency to speak, understand, write, and linguistically analyze the two languages;
- Ability to read a variety of texts in the two languages and discuss their contents, techniques, and cultural significance;
- Ability to analyze a variety of cultural productions (e.g., literature, art, social practices, and media) in the two cultures;
- Clear appreciation of multilingualism and multiculturalism and robust intercultural awareness

PREREQUISITES/RECOMMENDED BACKGROUND

- Senior status;
- Completion of or in progress with all courses required for the MDLG major;
- Instructor's consent to enroll is required.

REQUIRED TEXTS

- No textbooks required.

COURSE WORK/EXPECTATIONS

- Three to five meetings during the semester;
- Construction and timely submission of (1) an original Reflective Essay, 6-8 pages in length, (2) a Cover Sheet, (3) a Table of Contents, and (4) an annotated List of Extracurricular Activities for the portfolio;
- Oral presentation of portfolio and responses to questions in English and target languages at oral defense.

NOTE: The portfolio must be submitted at least three weeks in advance of the oral defense. Failure to submit the portfolio by the due date and/or failure to participate in the oral presentation will result in a grade of NC.