

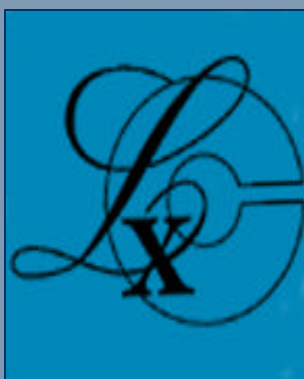
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Languages Across the Curriculum in Light of the 2007 MLA Foreign Language Report: Challenges and Opportunities in a Globalized Context

The 2007 MLA report recommends significant reforms to language education at the postsecondary level, among them situating language study in “cultural, historical, geographic and cross-cultural frames within the context of humanistic learning,” a goal that coincides with many Languages Across the Curriculum (LAC) initiatives. Given the emphasis in the report on interdisciplinary collaborative courses to attract students with interests beyond literary studies, this presentation will focus on some of the challenges ahead in realizing this vision as well as on new possibilities for LAC within a globalized context.



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