

NOTES FOR GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH
Swann Building Dedication, 10.12.05

- Moving School of Modern Languages to a newly restored building in the historic academic core of campus is symbolic of the growing importance that language has for Georgia Tech's aspirations to be a truly global university.
- You'd expect international affairs majors to be interested in modern languages, but our science and engineering students also understand that they need to be competitive in the global marketplace and are turning to languages.
- School of Modern Languages responded by joining with other academic units to create innovative and valuable interdisciplinary programs (This is not your father's foreign language program):
 - Global economics and modern languages degree
 - International affairs and modern languages degree
 - International Plan: foreign language + courses in global economics and international affairs + 2 international study abroad terms or internships + capstone course connecting to major = designation on diploma and transcript
 - Unique study abroad programs that combine intensive language study, a semester at an international university and an international internship (Technical University of Munich and Siemens was the first)
 - Languages Across the Curriculum program in which courses are team taught in a foreign language by a foreign language professor and a professor from another discipline.
- Result: Incredible interest and participation by students despite the fact that GT has no language requirement as many liberal arts colleges do. 78% growth in the number of Tech students taking languages over the past 4 years – a growth rate that inspires awe from universities with more traditional language programs.