



CAREER PATHFINDERS

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN

MODERN LANGUAGES

AND LITERATURES

Overview

A second or third language can be used as primary or as auxiliary skills in a career. A major in French Studies, German Studies or Spanish Studies provides the skills sought after by numerous employers, such as the education system, government, the mass media (radio, television, newspapers), museums, the travel and tourism industry, as well as businesses or companies with overseas offices. With further education, students with a degree in French Studies, German Studies or Spanish Studies can go on to teach in primary, secondary, high schools, or in universities, or become translators and interpreters. In Canada, being bilingual in French and English provides an excellent advantage when applying for careers in the public sector.

“Studying French at the University of Winnipeg greatly enriched my undergraduate experience and has opened many doors for me since graduating. I had always dreamed of studying abroad in France, and the French Studies program allowed me to realize this dream. As the first student from UWinnipeg to study in Tours in 2016, and as a 20-year old in a foreign country, I never felt like I had to go it alone. The impacts of studying French are far-reaching and will likely stay with me for the rest of my life. This education has allowed me to meaningfully incorporate bilingualism into my day-to-day life despite being an Anglophone”.

- Rebecca Hume, French Studies graduate; M.A. graduate, Ryerson University, Toronto

Job Titles

- Bilingual Officer/Clerk (NOC 1221)
- College and Other Vocational Instructors (NOC 4021)
- Conservators and Curators (NOC 5112)
- Court Interpreter (NOC 5125)
- Cultural Officer (NOC 4164)
- Customs/Immigration Officer (NOC 1228)
- Elementary School and Kindergarten Teachers (NOC 4032)
- Financial Planning Associate (NOC 1114)
- Foreign Service Officer (NOC 4168)
- Human Resources Director (NOC 0112)

- Importer/Exporter (NOC 6411)
- Insurance Agent (NOC 6231)
- Intelligence Specialist (NOC 4311)
- International Trade Assistant (NOC 0412)
- Library Technician (NOC 5211)
- Linguist (NOC 4169)
- Media Specialist (NOC 1123)
- Museum Curator (NOC 5112)
- Secondary School Teacher (NOC 4031)
- Translator, Terminologist and Interpreter (NOC 5125) ¹

¹ The numbers following each job title refer to [Canada's National Occupational Classification \(NOC\) code](#). Jobs may require additional education or training.

Work Settings

- Administrative/Personnel Departments
- Consulting Firms
- Court System
- Cultural Organizations
- Educational Institutions
- Financial Industry
- Government Agencies/Departments
- Health Agencies
- Health Care Centres
- Human Resources Departments
- Insurance Industry
- International Organizations
- Investment Industry
- Legal Profession
- Libraries
- Media/Publishing/Telecommunications Industries
- Museums/Galleries
- Non-Government Organizations
- Professional Associations
- Retail/Wholesale Establishments
- Social Service Organizations
- Trade/Research Institutes
- Translation/Interpretation Agencies

Skills and Characteristics

- Gather, assess and interpret information
- Lead and participate in discussions and groups
- Organize workload and meet deadlines
- Express opinions and propose ideas
- Analyze texts and identify essential information
- Translate from one language to another

Professional Associations and Other Links

- Alliance française du Manitoba <https://www.afmanitoba.ca/en/>
- Association des professeur.e.s des universités et collèges canadiens <http://www.apfucc.net>
- Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences: <https://www.ideas-idees.ca>
- Language Jobs 4U <http://www.languagejobs4u.com/>
- Lingua Jobs <http://www.lingua-jobs.com/>
- Multilingual Vacancies <http://www.multilingualvacancies.com/>
- Top Language Jobs <http://www.toplanguagejobs.co.uk/>
- The Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers <https://www.caslt.org/en/>
- The Canadian Association of University Teachers <https://www.caut.ca>
- The Canadian Association of University Teachers of German Studies <http://www.cautg.org/>
- The Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies <https://can-latam.org/about-calacs>
- The Canadian Comparative Literature Association <https://complit.ca>
- The Canadian Translators, Terminologists and Interpreters Council <http://www.cttic.org/Professions.asp>
- The Spanish Institute of Manitoba <http://www.spanishinstitute.ca/AboutUs.html>

This document is intended to provide a starting point for your career research. For more information about UWinnipeg's Modern Languages and Literatures program, visit the [Department of Modern Languages and Literatures website](#), the [French Studies](#), [German Studies](#), and [Spanish Studies](#) webpages; as well as the [Modern Languages and Literatures Fact Sheet](#), the [French Studies Fact Sheet](#), the [German Studies Fact Sheet](#), and the [Spanish Studies Fact Sheet](#).

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