

COTTEY

What Can I Do With A Major In . . . ?

Modern Foreign Language

This is not one major, but many such as Spanish, French, German, Japanese and Russian. A major in a foreign language will learn the language, study the literature, and explore the culture of the countries or communities where these languages are spoken. Proficiency in more than one language is becoming an increasingly valuable asset and enhances students' occupational possibilities. There are also separate majors called area studies, which emphasize history, culture, politics and economics of a region rather than its language and literature.

IS THIS MAJOR FOR YOU?

You might like this major if you also like: languages; traveling; learning about different people and cultures; history; literature; music; art

Consider this major if you are good at: attention to detail; learning languages; observing; creativity; critical reading/thinking skills; writing skills

EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS

- International Businesses & Banks
- Embassies and consultants
- Political organizations
- Federal, state, and local governments
- Health services agencies
- Public and private schools
- Professional language schools
- Universities/study abroad programs
- Law Enforcement agencies
- Travel and Hospitality industries

SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS

- Foreign Service Officer
- Interpreter/Translator
- Customs/Immigration Officer
- Bilingual Educator
- Cultural Attaché
- Peace Corps Consultant
- Journalist
- International Trade Consultant
- Bilingual/Bicultural Specialist

ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE CENTER RESOURCES

Opportunities in Foreign Language Careers

Careers for Foreign Language Aficionados and Other Multilingual Types

International Jobs

The Best Careers for Bilingual Latinos

Becoming A Translator

Opportunities in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

TYPICAL COURSES IN THIS MAJOR

- Elementary Language
- Intermediate Language
- Advanced Language
- Conversation and Composition
- Culture and Civilization
- Literature
- Study Abroad

OTHER MAJORS YOU MIGHT LIKE

- Linguistics
- Sociology
- History
- International Business/Relations
- Classics

WEBSITES TO VISIT

Modern Language Association
<http://www.mla.org/>

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
<http://www.actfl.org/>

American Association for Applied Linguistics
<http://www.aal.org/>