What can I do with a Major in **French** or **French/Spanish**?

**The French and French/Spanish Programs at the University of Lethbridge**

In today's globalized context, students of modern languages are being prepared for membership in a global community that extends far beyond the boundaries of the English-speaking world. Students will broaden their understanding of the world and learn to think “globally,” rather than “locally.”

Students can enjoy the enriching experience of a study visit in francophone Canada or abroad. Foreign destinations include France, Switzerland, Germany, Mexico, Costa Rica, Spain, and Japan.

Students may complete a French major (minimum of 15 courses in French) or a French/Spanish major (minimum of 8 courses in each of French and Spanish), leading to a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Arts and Science. Students can also minor in Japanese, French, Spanish or Linguistics.

This document also applies to the other modern language programs, i.e. majors in Spanish, German and German/French.

**Skills Developed**

- Ability to Meet Deadlines
- Ability to Organize & Memorize Detailed Information
- Ability to Influence & Persuade Others
- Ability to Understand Historical Language Change
- Creative Thinking
- Critical & Analytical Thinking
- Editing
- Effective Cross-Cultural Communication
- Interpersonal
- Knowledge & Tolerance of Other Cultures
- Knowledge of Grammar & Vocabulary
- Oral & Written Communication
- Organizational
- Proficiency in Phonetics & Ability to Imitate Sounds
- Research

**Work Environments**

In addition to the Master of Arts and Doctoral programs, the Bachelor of Arts in French or French/Spanish provides an excellent foundation for education, law, journalism or speech-language pathology and audiology. Many graduates will pursue a career for which knowledge of a second language is a primary requirement or a wonderful asset.

The capabilities gained in completing a major in French or French/Spanish are highly sought after and can be applied to practically any working scenario. Graduates may find employment in government...
Key Areas of Specialization:
Language Acquisition, Literacy, French, Spanish, German, Language & Culture, Linguistics, Translation, Interpretation

Entry Level Job Titles

These jobs are normally intended for new graduates and require 0 to 2 years of experience. It is important to note that many entry level positions require some related experience or demonstrated ability to perform job-related tasks. Even those positions that do not require experience will still prefer an experienced candidate, if one is available.

- Administrative Support Agent
- Bilingual Office Clerk
- Customer Advocate
- Customer Experience Representative
- Customer Support Analyst
- English to French Technical Translator/Reviser
- Flight Attendant
- Freelance Interpreter
- French as a Second Language Instructor
- French Research Agent
- International Student Advisor
- Museum Program Instructor
- Railways Station Service Agent
- Reported/Editor – French Services
- Travel Service Consultant
- Tutor

Note: The U of L offers various resources and programs to facilitate students in gaining work and volunteer experience. Find an entry level position on the CES job board or join the Management or Arts & Science Cooperative Education Programs. Summer jobs, part-time work, internship positions and volunteer experience help students to enhance their skillset and accumulate work experience for their future career.

Related Job Titles

These jobs generally require extensive, relevant work experience and/or further education.

- Announcer
- Anthropologist
- Bilingual Customer Service Specialist
- Broadcaster
- Certified Court Interpreter
- Certified Terminologist
- Certified Translator
- Civil Servant
- Civil/Foreign Service Administrator
- Communication Specialist
- Community Interpreter
- Community Worker
- Compliance Officer
- Conference Interpreter
- Coordinator – Programs Abroad
- Copy Editor
- Court Interpreter
- Customs Inspector
- Customs Officer
- Diplomat
- Editor
- ESL Instructor
- Foreign Affairs Agent
- Foreign Affairs Specialist
- Foreign Services Officer
- Immigration Inspector
- Immigration Officer
- Import/Export Coordinator
- International Banker
- International Business Analyst/Consultant
- International Centre Director
- International Development Specialist
- International Education Assistant
- International Exchange Program Coordinator
- International Trade Officer
- Interpreter
- Interpreter for the Deaf
- Journalist
- Language Teacher
- Librarian
- Linguist
- Literary Translator
- Museum Educator/Docent
Thinking Outside the Box: Other Possible Job Titles

On average, people change their careers three to five times in their lifetime. So, no matter what major you choose, you may still be interested in opportunities totally unrelated to your program of study. We encourage you to be open to all possibilities! Your undergraduate degree can be a springboard for other educational pursuits, and your transferable skills and experience can prepare you to work in a multitude of settings.

- Advertising Agent
- Audiologist
- Banker
- Blogger
- Conference Planner
- Corrections Officer
- Financial Consultant
- Fundraising & Event Manager
- Health Administrator
- Historian
- Hotel Manager
- Human Resources Manager
- Insurance Agent
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Lawyer
- Legal Terminologist
- Management Consultant
- Market Research Analyst
- Marketing & Advertising Agent
- Marketing Specialist/Manager
- Mediator
- Medical Terminologist
- Producer
- Project Officer/Manager
- Real Estate Agent
- Web Designer

Useful Resources

Recommended websites to assist in exploring the field of French or French/Spanish and their career opportunities.

Alberta Learning Information Service Occupational Profiles
Translator, Language Interpreter
http://www.sahla.ca

Southern Alberta Heritage Language Association
http://www.sahla.ca

Canadian Languages Association
http://www.canadianlanguages.ca

Language Industry Association
http://www.aillia.ca/

The Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers
http://www.caslt.org

Canadian Translators, Terminologists & Interpreters Council
http://www.cttic.org/

Literary Translators’ Association of Canada
http://www.attlc-lla.ca

Alliance Française
http://www.af.ca

Languages Canada
http://www.languagescanada.ca

Explore – Canada
http://www.myexplore.ca

Modern Languages Association
http://www.rma.org

The American Association of Language Specialists
http://www.taals.net
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**Career & Employment Services (CES)**

CES assists U of L students and graduates with their career exploration and work search needs.

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1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.