

# What can I do with a major in...

## a Foreign Language?

A major in a foreign language such as French, German, or Spanish, will prepare you for a variety of careers, whether you choose to become a teacher or apply your skills and knowledge in other work environments. The following list contains sample job titles of CMU graduates who majored in a foreign language. This list represents some, but certainly not all, of the careers you may consider.

### **Career Titles for a Foreign Language Major:**

- Archivist
- CIA/FBI Agent
- College Administrator
- Court Interpreter
- Customer Service Representative
- Customs/Immigration Officer
- Editor
- Foreign Language Tutor/Teacher
- Foreign News Correspondent
- Foreign Service Officer
- Government Worker
- Importer/Exporter
- International Banker
- International Conference Planner
- International Trade Specialist
- Interpreter/Translator
- Radio/TV Announcer
- Sales Representative
- Technical Writer/Communicator
- Tour Organizer/Guide

Students obtaining employment immediately upon graduation usually are those with the best college records and a willingness to relocate for a job. Some of these jobs also require education beyond a bachelor's degree.

## **Professional Skills Acquired Through a Major in a Foreign Language**

Many occupations in today's working world require college-educated individuals who can write and speak well, solve problems, learn new information quickly, and work well with a team. In addition to opening the door to numerous career possibilities in this field, a major in a foreign language will help you develop the fundamental skills that many employers in many other professions are seeking in their employees.

Skills and qualities acquired through a major in a foreign language may include:

- Adapting to other cultures
- Bilingual communication
- Comparing interpretations
- Cross-cultural communication
- Data interpretation
- Detail orientation
- Group presentation
- Critical thinking
- Idea clarification
- Idea summarization
- Information evaluation
- Listening
- Material/information organization
- Oral and written communication
- Research
- Thoroughly understanding the English language
- Understanding cultural diversity

For more information about foreign language and other majors, please contact Career Services.

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