

WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH A MAJOR IN...

# foreign languages

**F**luency in foreign languages is an asset in our age of global communications, business, and travel. In addition to speaking the language(s), there is a strong need, even here in the U.S., for persons who are familiar with several cultures, and who read and write well in more than one language. Increased global contact means greater opportunity and incentive to use foreign language.

There is said to be two types of jobs that use foreign language skills. They are language-centered jobs and language-related jobs. The difference between these two types of careers is that people in language-centered jobs use their foreign language ability as their primary skill. Teachers, translators, and interpreters are language-centered jobs. People in language-related jobs use their foreign language ability to complement their other skills. The combination of knowing a foreign language in addition to other transferable skills is an excellent selling point and often increases the possibility of finding interesting employment. Knowledge of a foreign language can be used as a complementary skill in business, government service, law, education, the social and physical sciences, the media, and health professions.

**S**tudents interested in a foreign language major should take advantage of study abroad programs. Studying or working in a foreign country is a great way, and sometimes the only way, to become fluent in a language. Chapman also offers many activities where students can practice their foreign language skills and meet students from foreign countries. There are field trips to see theatre in Spanish, international poetry readings, and German Stammtisch.

### Related Majors

Liberal Studies, History, Sociology, International Business, Political Science, Public Relations, Peace Studies

### Chapman Clubs and Organizations

#### French Club

The French Club promotes the study of French language and culture, by speaking French outside of the classroom and getting hands-on experience with elements of French culture. Some popular events include the International Poetry Reading, French movie nights, and Café Conversation.

#### International Club

## While Still in College...

If you are interested in a career related to Foreign Languages, it is a good idea to choose and speak with a language advisor as soon as possible in your college career. It is also important to participate in traveling abroad to different countries or participate in an internship abroad. If you are interested in pursuing graduate school, it is highly recommended that you become involved in research activities under the supervision of a Languages faculty member.

# ...at the professional level

**A**ssociations provide a venue for people to share professional interests while also educating the public about their field. Look for details about salaries, training opportunities, membership benefits, and job resources.

**American Association of Teachers of German (AATG)** [www.aatg.org](http://www.aatg.org)  
The mission of the AATG is to bring the language, literatures and cultures of the German-speaking world to all Americans.

**American Association of Teachers of French (AATF)** [www.frenchteacher.org](http://www.frenchteacher.org)  
The AATF represents the French language in North America and encourages the dissemination of knowledge concerning all aspects of the culture and civilization of France and the French-speaking world.

**American Association of Teachers of Italian (AATI)** [www.italianstudies.org/aati](http://www.italianstudies.org/aati)  
Sponsors seminars and workshops in the broad area of Italian studies, holds annual meetings, and is dedicated to helping teachers excel in teaching and research.

**American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP)** [www.aatsp.org](http://www.aatsp.org)  
Members of AATSP promote, develop, and advance the teaching of Hispanic, Luso-Brazilian, and related languages, literatures, and cultures in the U.S. and other countries.

**American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA)** [www.astanet.com/](http://www.astanet.com/)  
The ASTA's mission is to enhance the professionalism and profitability of member agents through effective representation in industry and government affairs, education and training, and by identifying and meeting the needs of the traveling public.

**International Press Institute (IPI)** [www.freemeida.at](http://www.freemeida.at)  
A global organization dedicated to the promotion and protection of press freedom and the improvement of the practices of journalism.

**Goethe House (GH)** [www.goethe.de/uk/ney/enindex.htm](http://www.goethe.de/uk/ney/enindex.htm)  
The Goethe-Institute is an important partner for those specialized in the field of teaching German as a foreign language. German teachers from high schools, colleges and universities are frequently offered participation in workshops and seminars about latest developments in their field.

**Instituto Cervantes** [www.cervantes.org](http://www.cervantes.org)  
The mission of the Instituto Cervantes is to promote the use of Spanish as a second language and to contribute to the advancement of the Spanish and Hispanic-American cultures throughout non-Spanish speaking countries.

## Is It a Good Match For You?

Are you a good listener?

Do you like learning about other cultures?

Do you have patience?

Do you like to travel?

Are you concerned with being a global citizen?

## Vital Skills

Strong written and verbal communication

Ability to communicate effectively

Analytical

Cultural Awareness

Foreign Language

## Potential Employment With...

Government Agencies, Federal Bureau of Investigation(FBI), the United Nations, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), National and International Social Service Agencies, Colleges/Universities, Transportation Organizations, Business & Industries, Libraries, Museums, Peace Corps, International Airlines, Advertising Agencies, Bank & Investment Firms, Film/Radio/TV Companies, Import/Export Companies, Magazines, Newspapers & Periodicals, Professional & Technical Journals, Travel Agencies, Public Relations Firms

## Related Occupations

*Some of these occupations may require additional education and training.*

### Human Resources

Affirmative Action Coordinator  
Employment Counselor  
Equal Employment Investigator  
Personnel Specialist  
Training Director

### Government/International

Attaché  
Consular Officer  
Customs Inspector  
Diplomat/Politician  
Foreign Service Officer  
Foreign Trade Agent  
Immigration Specialist  
Import/Export Agent  
Lobbyist  
Translator

### Media/PR

Author's Agent  
Copywriter  
Editorial Consultant  
Exhibit Director  
Foreign Correspondent (Press & Radio)  
Industrial Relations Representative

Market Research Analyst  
Media Production Consultant  
Publisher  
Salesman  
Writer/Biographer

### Education

College/University Administrator  
Librarian  
Museum Guide/Technician  
Research/Technical Advisor  
Scientific Linguist  
Teacher/Tutor

### Social Services

Missionary  
Outreach Worker/Youth Supervisor  
Peer Counselor  
Police/Probation Officer  
Social Services Worker  
Vista/Peace Corps Worker  
Volunteer Trainer

## Choosing Your Major...

Choosing a major can be a difficult decision. If you need assistance in choosing your major or emphasis, the Career Development Center offers individual career counseling and provides career testing and assessment for current students. In addition, involvement in leadership activities, internships, part-time work, clubs, organizations, and student government will expose you to different work and learning environments which will aid you in your decision making.

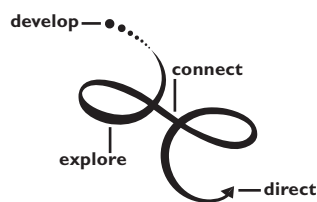
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