What Can I Do With a Major In…

Foreign Languages (French, German, Spanish)
http://worldlanguages.unt.edu/

General information on Careers for Foreign Language Majors:

A bachelor's degree with a foreign language major will provide you with the background that many businesses desire.

A foreign language major also will prepare you for a career as a translator and interpreter. You may work for a publisher, a hospital or clinic, or for a foreign business or nonprofit organization. UNT alumni have entered the international job market by working for EuroDisney, Johnson & Johnson and many other companies. In addition, many federal government jobs will be open to you. Government agencies that regularly hire foreign language majors include the CIA, the Department of Defense, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Peace Corps, the State Department, the U.S. Information Agency and Voice of America. You also might work in a foreign embassy or the United Nations.

Majoring in a world language can prepare you for a variety of career fields including:

- Banking
- Education
- Health services
- Intelligence and law enforcement
- Journalism
- Marketing
- Nonprofit organizations
- Social services
- The travel industry

You could teach a foreign language in public and private schools or in intensive language programs for business professionals. You may also use your bachelor's degree to become a travel agent, tour guide, flight attendant or administrator of international student and study abroad programs for a university or nonprofit organization. If you plan to teach a language in a junior college or university, you will need to earn a master's and possibly a doctoral degree.
Majoring in a Foreign Language

Earning your bachelor’s degree involves more than just learning to understand, speak, read and write in another language. You will gain insights into other cultures and explore literatures and linguistics through required course work and electives.

The Department of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures offers majors in French, German and Spanish as well as professional certification in French and Spanish. The professional certification is useful for careers in travel and tourism, law enforcement, the medical profession and business. Minors in Arabic, Chinese, Italian, Japanese, Latin and Russian are also available.

Our faculty members include native speakers, participants in national organizations and award winning professors.

We work closely with the Study Abroad office to provide multiple opportunities for international work and study. These opportunities allow you to immerse yourself in the language and experience the culture first hand. They include studying:

- French in Caen
- German in Freiburg
- Spanish in Puebla, Mexico; San José, Costa Rica; or Valencia, Spain

More information on these programs is available at the study abroad website.

We offer a variety of opportunities to practice the languages and learn more about the cultures including conversation groups and film series, and we sponsor honor societies for French, German, Japanese and Spanish.

*For more information about specific classes and requirements for students beginning in 2014-2015 follow the links provided below.

BA in French  http://catalog.unt.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=2739&returnto=725
BA in German  http://catalog.unt.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=2753&returnto=725
BA in Spanish  http://catalog.unt.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=2875&returnto=725

Teacher Certification Requirements

French with Teachers

German with Teachers
Certifications


**Related Career Titles:**

*Entry-Level (Possible with a Bachelor's Degree)*

**Interpreting Careers**
- Interpreter/Translator
- Legal Translator
- Medical Translator
- Technical Translator
- Business Interpreter
- Conference Interpreter
- Escort/Guide

**Travel**
- Travel Guide
- Flight Attendant
- Hotel Manager
- Travel Agent
- Ticket Agent

**Government**
- Foreign Service Officer (Diplomat)
- Foreign Service Specialist
- Civil Service Employee

**Intelligence Analyst**
- Immigration and Customs Inspector
- Import Specialist
- Inspector
- US Customs and Border Protection Officer
- Foreign Exchange Trader
- Customs Broker
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Probation Officer
- Special Agent

**Media/Communication**
- Broadcaster
- Radio/T.V Announcer
- Journalist
- News Reporter
- Anchor
- Staff Writer
- Public Relations Specialist
- Technical Writer
Business Careers
Sales representative
Sales manager
Customer Service Representative
Human Resource Manager
Human Resource Assistant
Human Resource Specialist
Interviewer
Recruiter
Training and Development Specialist
Marketing Manager
Market Research Analyst
Advertising and Promotions Manager
Manager/Management Trainee
Credit Counselor

Non-Profit Careers
Community Health Worker
Qualified Mental Health Practitioner
Volunteer Coordinator
Adoption Services Specialist
Social Service Manager

Education Careers
Museum Guide
High School/Middle School Teacher
English Teacher Abroad
Study Abroad Coordinator
Admissions Counselor
Student Affairs Specialist

Jobs Requiring Additional Experience (Master's, Doctorate, Certifications)
Foreign Language and Literature Professor
Lawyer
Social Worker
Medical Social Worker
Counselor
School Counselor
Substance Abuse Counselor
Archivist/Librarian

Possible Work Settings
Federal/State/Local Government
Law Enforcement
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Non-Profit Organizations
Central Intelligence Agency
International Organizations
Border Patrol
Overseas Aid Agencies
Drug Enforcement Agency
Religious Organizations
Department of State
Social Service Providers
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**Student Organizations at UNT- (Learn more at UNT ORGSYNCE)**

- Bilingual/ESL Student Organization
- German Club
- Japanese National Honor Society
- World Echoes

**Websites for Exploring Foreign Language Careers**

- What Can I do With This Major, [http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/foreign-language/](http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/foreign-language/)
- Careers in Languages, [http://lrc.wfu.edu/careersinlanguages/](http://lrc.wfu.edu/careersinlanguages/)
Job Search Websites

Bilingual English/Spanish Jobs- http://www.hispanic-jobs.com/
Going Global- Sign in using your eagle network account (otherwise you have to pay)
Jobs Abroad- http://jobs.goabroad.com/
Bilingual Jobs- http://www.twolingos.com/

Professional Organizations

International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language, http://www.iatefl.org/
Foreign Policy Association, http://www.fpa.org/