

MAJOR TO CAREER GUIDE

World Languages and Cultures

College of Liberal Arts

Mission of the College of Liberal Arts

The College of Liberal Arts offers a rich variety of courses, majors and interdisciplinary programs in the humanities and the social sciences. Being well educated involves developing an array of intellectual skills, having the ability to use a variety of methodologies to understand our changing world, and having a broad base of diverse knowledge. Our courses and degree programs are designed to provide such a foundation and to create life-long learners who can adapt to the inevitably changing environments they will encounter.

Visit this site for more information:
<http://www.unlv.edu/liberalarts>

About the World Languages & Cultures Majors

Knowledge of a world language is of both practical and academic value in a world where international exchanges of goods and ideas is commonplace. By studying a world language, students become more sensitive to the nature of grammar and language, and develop a deeper appreciation of their native language. Students at UNLV can choose to major in the following World Languages: French, German, and/or Spanish. The Department also offers a major in Romance Languages and a major in Spanish for the Professions.

Organizations Hiring World Languages & Cultures Majors

- Corporations of all sizes and industries
- Federal, state and local governmental agencies
- Educational institutions (e.g., Colleges & Universities)
- Hospitality industry
- Non-profit agencies

UNLV Academic Advising for World Languages & Cultures Majors

Academic Advisors meet with students about their academic goals and assist in constructing a plan for graduation. Advisors can also help students understand how their experiences at UNLV can lead to a career in their desired field.

College of Liberal Arts Wilson Advising Center
Phone: 702-895-1997
Campus Location: WRI B131
<http://liberalarts.unlv.edu/WAC/>

World Languages & Cultures Career Options

- Anthropologist
- Banker, Foreign Exchange Teller or Trader
- Bilingual Educator
- CIA Agent
- Civil Services, Foreign Service Officer
- Customs Inspector
- Diplomat
- Export Manager
- Flight Attendant
- Foreign Student Advisor
- Historian
- Hospitality Industry Worker
- Immigration & Naturalization Service Representative
- International Broadcast Announcer
- International Public Relations Expert
- Interpreter/Translator
- Journalist
- Librarian
- Linguist
- Missionary
- Museum Guide
- Professor
- VISTA/Peace Corps Volunteer

Honor Society and Clubs in World Languages & Cultures

Pi Sigma Iota is the Honor Society for World Languages and Cultures.

In addition, the department offers the following clubs for students to participate in: French Club, German Club, Italian Club, Japanese Club, and Spanish Club.

For more information, please visit:

www.liberalarts.unlv.edu/Foreign_Languages/clubs.html

Graduate Programs in World Languages & Cultures

The Department of World Languages and Cultures offers a Master of Arts in Spanish. This program is flexible and allows students to focus on language, culture, and literature. The program aims at meeting the needs of students interested in teaching and the professions.

http://www.liberalarts.unlv.edu/Foreign_Languages/graduates.html

Also visit the UNLV Graduate College website for additional programs at:

<http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu>

Helpful Career Information

Employers rate candidate soft skills/qualities in order of importance

- 1 Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- 2 Ability to work in a team structure
- 3 Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- 4 Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- 5 Ability to obtain and process information
- 6 Ability to analyze quantitative data
- 7 Technical knowledge related to the job
- 8 Proficiency with computer software programs
- 9 Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- 10 Ability to sell or influence others

Source: Job Outlook 2013

Courtesy of the National Association of Colleges and Employers

MEDIAN SALARIES BY DISCIPLINE 2010-2012

Career	Salary Range	Median Salary
Historian	\$26,370 - \$95,690	\$53,520
Interpreter/Translator	\$22,950 - \$86,410	\$43,300
Librarian	\$33,590 - \$83,510	\$54,500
Public Relations Expert (International)	\$49,720 - \$166,400	\$91,810
Reporter, Correspondent, & Broadcast News Analyst	\$27,560 - \$146,230	\$54,140

Salary range can depend on level of education

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition*, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

Visit the Career Occupational Handbook to learn more about a specific occupation:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

The OCH covers hundreds of occupations and describes: What They Do, Work Environment, How to Become One, Pay, and more. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2010-20 decade.

Career Exploration/Planning

FOCUS 2: UNLV's computerized assessment that profiles your interests, abilities, and values and helps you find a career that's right for you.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessment.html>

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI): Assessment designed to identify how you are energized, how you take in information, how you make decisions, and how you approach life.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentMBTI.html>

Strong Interest Inventory: Generates an in-depth assessment of your interests among a broad range of occupations, work and leisure activities, and educational subjects.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentStrong.html>

UNLV Career Services

Career Services encourages ALL UNLV students to take advantage of their services, which include:

- Assistance with developing a career plan and choosing a major
- Career counseling and guidance on building a RESUME
- Preparing for an interview, assistance with job searching and networking.

Phone: 702-895-3495

Campus Location: SSC-A 2nd Floor

<http://hire.unlv.edu/>

Internship Opportunities

UNLV CareerLink is a free, online recruiting system that helps students, alumni, and employers connect in a variety of ways.

Students can use CareerLink to search for: job and internship listings, on-campus recruiting interviews, employers information sessions, resume book database, and dates for career fairs.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerlink.html>

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