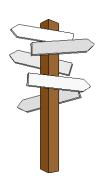


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### **Alternate Routes**

### Where A Foreign Language Can Lead You



### **Business**

Today's businesses are serving a more international market. To meet the demands of a global economy and to interact with clients and associates from other cultures, more and more professionals find it vital and advantageous to know a second language. Even more importantly, business professionals need to understand cultural diversity. Language majors who combine their studies with business, economics, and finance skills are in great demand and advance rapidly in their careers. Find information on a country's business customs at: <a href="http://www.executiveplanet.com/index.php?title=Main\_Page">http://www.executiveplanet.com/index.php?title=Main\_Page</a>.

#### **Journalism**

As global awareness increases, there is an ever-increasing demand for speakers of second languages in the media. Everything is international now, not just politics, but also business, health and social issues, the arts, sports, fashion, etc. Recently, there has been particular demand in the U.S. for Spanish speakers on radio and television. Language and journalism are a great career team. Read about the specific issues related to Journalism in the Spanish Community at: <a href="http://businessjournalism.org/2010/07/12/foreign-language-skills-are-essential-for-global-business-journalists/">http://business-journalisms/</a>.

#### Law and Law Enforcement

Students of a second language adapt exceptionally well to the study of law, as they have acquired precise, disciplined study skills and are attuned to the intricacies of language. Law schools know this and language majors benefit from a high rate of acceptance. Furthermore, much of the law that used to be local or national in scope is now international, and international law (commercial, health, environmental) is an expanding area requiring language skills and knowledge of other cultural traditions. Read about the importance of knowing a foreign language in a law firm from this advertisement from Language Alliance at: <a href="http://www.languagealliance.com/multilingual-marketing/multilingual-marketing3.html">http://www.languagealliance.com/multilingual-marketing/multilingual-marketing3.html</a>.

Law enforcement also requires persons speaking a second language—especially Spanish. Immigration centers and police departments in many areas of the U.S. need officers who are proficient in Spanish or rare languages, such as Mandarin Chinese. Discover the necessity of foreign languages in the field of law enforcement at: www.monster.com.

#### Health and Social Services

Many hospitals, clinics, wellness centers, and social service units of all kinds need speakers of a second language, especially Spanish. If you combine professional skills in these areas with a language major, you will have top choice of where you want to work because you will be in great demand.

Of special interest to language majors are the many non-profit organizations that exist to help people with special needs. Many of these are international in scope, such as Médecins sans Frontiéres (Doctors without Borders, <a href="www.doctorswithoutborders.org">www.doctorswithoutborders.org</a>). Medical relief organizations employ many health care workers at all levels that speak more than one language. Also, see Projects Abroad web site at <a href="www.projects-abroad.org">www.projects-abroad.org</a>. Find a position where you can put your skills to the most use at <a href="www.ngoabroad.com">www.ngoabroad.com</a>, a "Custom-Fit International Service."

#### Tourism and Travel

Tourism and travel are growing industries in every state. There are many opportunities for people who are interested in hotel management, resort operations, resort restaurants, travel and sports clubs, cruise ships, etc. These fields also offer independent entrepreneurship opportunities; for example, one young lady who had studied as a college student in Italy started her own travel business taking sporty Americans on bike tours of Tuscany; her partner in the business is her Italian husband. You may have the choice to work or to travel yourself with an organization that takes Americans abroad. Learn of the many opportunities a foreign language affords in the travel industry at: <a href="http://travel.state.gov/">http://travel.state.gov/</a>.

#### Education

Educators who speak a second language are in great demand now in many school districts. There is a critical shortage of teachers--specifically, qualified language teachers--in Tennessee and Kentucky. Furthermore, this demand comes at a time when many districts need and want to develop language programs even for elementary students. Two years of foreign language training are now required for all college-bound high school students in Kentucky (Kentucky Department of Education). Opportunities abound. Find a job teaching English as a Second Language at: <a href="http://www.eslteachersboard.com/">http://www.eslteachersboard.com/</a>.

#### **Technical Writing**

This is a relatively new field that offers those with good writing skills lucrative jobs with computer software and electronic media industries. Writers with second language skills will find even better opportunities and choices due to the international nature of this kind of work, not to mention the greater awareness of language and how important it is to be precise. Writers who are trained in a second language are often the best writers in English. Murray State has an excellent new Technical Writing Minor offered by the English Department that would make an excellent complement to a major in Spanish, French, or German, or Japanese. Check out the Society for Technical Communication at: <a href="https://www.stc.org">www.stc.org</a>.

#### Fine Arts

Learning to speak and write in a second language is a strong, natural enhancement to any artist's career and opens a whole new world of personal and professional opportunities. Additionally, new fields--such as Arts Management and Administration--require persons with administrative skills who understand the arts and are comfortable with different languages and cultures. Many cities support the arts because a flourishing artistic community is widely recognized by the public as greatly enhancing the quality of life. Combine a Language Major with studio art, dance, or theatre; think community entrepreneurship, and you've just set the stage for an exciting career. Find career opportunities in the arts using your foreign language skills at: <a href="https://www.NYFA.org">www.NYFA.org</a>.

#### Other Valuable Sites:

Discover Grants, Scholarships and Fellowships offered by the Open Society Institute at <a href="http://www.soros.org/grants">http://www.soros.org/grants</a>.

Find Foreign Language Career books to purchase at: <a href="http://www.vistawide.com/careers/language\_jobs.htm">http://www.vistawide.com/careers/language\_jobs.htm</a>

Use your foreign language knowledge in the National Guard. Find linguist positions at <a href="http://www.1-800-GO-GUARD.com/linguist">http://www.1-800-GO-GUARD.com/linguist</a>.

Find information on career opportunities in the European Institutions. This site will take you through the application process, answer your most common questions, and tell you where to get more information. <a href="http://europa.eu/epso">http://europa.eu/epso</a>

Peruse the Union of International Associations job listings at <a href="http://www.uia.org/extlinks/static/exempl.php">http://www.uia.org/extlinks/static/exempl.php</a>.

Check the posts open for recruitment within the United Nations at <a href="www.jobs.un.org">www.jobs.un.org</a>.

Find vacancy announcements and job opportunities in the United Nations System of Organizations at <a href="http://www.unsystem.org/jobs/job\_opportunities.htm">http://www.unsystem.org/jobs/job\_opportunities.htm</a>.

Find international employment opportunities at the World Bank Group at <a href="http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTHRJOBS/0">http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTHRJOBS/0</a>, contentMDK: 20522507~men uPK: 64262363~pagePK: 64262408~piPK: 64262191~theSitePK: 1058433,00.html.

Find a list public service jobs in, or related to, the countries of the former Soviet Union or Central and Eastern Europe, provided by Civil Society International, at <a href="http://www.civilsoc.org/ann-job.htm">http://www.civilsoc.org/ann-job.htm</a>.

Search for Internships, volunteer opportunities and non-profit jobs, as well as Graduate School and Nonprofit Career Fairs at <a href="http://www.idealist.org/if/as/Find?sid">http://www.idealist.org/if/as/Find?sid</a>.

# Choosing a Destination:

### Your Next Job Title



Copywriter CIA/FBI Agent Court Interpreter

Customs/Immigration Officer

Flight Attendant

Foreign Service Officer Import/Export Specialist International Consultant Investment Banker

Marketing/Sales Representative Public Health Administrator

Social Worker Translator

Airport Personnel Columnist/Reporter Cultural Affairs Officer

Editor/Writer

Foreign Correspondent Foreign Student Advisor Intelligence Researcher International Trade Specialist

Librarian

Peace Corps/VISTA Worker Public Relations Specialist

Teacher Travel Agent Pharmacist

Community Affairs Specialist Customer Service Representative Employee Relations Specialist

Foreign Film Specialist Health Care Provider

International Conference Planner

Interpreter
Hotel Manager
News Reporter
Business Owner
School Principal
Pay Roll Director

Market Research Specialist

Proofreader

Radio/TV Announcer Tour Organizer/Guide UNESCO Official Advertising Manager Advertising copywriter Air Traffic Assistant

Archivist Art Dealer Auditor

Banking Correspondent Bilingual Educator Commercial Loan Officer

Cultural Attaché

Drug Enforcement Agent

Filmmaker Finance Director Foreign Diplomat Foreign Exchange Trader

Fund-Raiser

**Human Resources Director** 

Museum Curator Journalist Lawyer Politician Salesperson Scientific Linguist Sports Agent TESOL Teacher

Professor Interpreter

Contract Negotiator Political Aide Office Manager Research Analyst

Paralegal Secretary

# King of the Road:



# Possible Employers

#### **US** Government

Library of Congress
United Nations
Department of State
Agency for International Development
Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
Immigration and Naturalization Service
US Customs Service
US Information Agency
Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)
National Security Agency (NSA)
US Travel Service
Smithsonian Institute

#### Service and Education

Red Cross Project Hope
YMCA/YWCA
Hospitals
Religious Organizations
Volunteer Organizations
Universities and colleges
Pre-schools
K-12 schools
Professional language schools
Big Brothers/Big Sisters
English language institutes

#### Scientific and Professional

Corporate and research libraries School and public libraries Hospitals/laboratories

#### Arts, Media and Entertainment

Museums
Foreign news agencies
Book publishers
Film companies
TV networks/stations
Radio stations

#### **Industry and Commerce**

Banks, finance-related Import/Export companies Manufacturers Distributors Retail/department stores Marketing companies

#### Travel and Tourism

Tour companies Travel agencies Hotels/Motels Restaurants/Bars Airlines/airports Cruise lines

# Check Your Engines:

### **Pre-Interview Tips**



#### **US** Government

- Learn federal, state, and local job application procedures. There is generally a lot of red tape when applying for government jobs.
- Join the JROTC, CAP, ROTC, National Guard, or Reserves.
- Join the armed forces as a way to gain experience.
- Stay informed on international affairs.

#### Arts, Media, and Entertainment

- Learn the customs and culture of the country in which your language is primarily spoken.
- Keep up with international media.

#### **Industry and Commerce**

- Find out which companies do business with the countries in which your language is spoken.
- Consult resources such as the *Directory of Foreign Firms Operating in the US*, *Directory of American Firms Operating in Foreign Countries*, and *American Register of Exporters and Importers*.
- Take management, marketing, economics, and other business related courses.

#### Travel and Tourism

- Take classes in hotel/restaurant administration.
- Get a part-time job in a hotel or restaurant to gain experience.
- Spend some time abroad to learn the traditions of fine dining, wines, etc.
- Take a geography course.
- Contact airline headquarters check the website of the Future Aviation Professionals of America: www.fapa.info to find employment opportunities.
- Plan to attend a travel school.
- Develop office skills such as typing, organizing, and working with computers.
- Read travel magazines from both your home country and those of interest to you.

#### Service and Education

- Learn the state certification guidelines for teaching.
- Develop superior written and oral communication skills in the English language, as well as your foreign language, including proper sentence structure and comprehensive vocabulary.
- Notify local hospitals, schools, and chambers of commerce of your availability to translate or interpret for international visitors.

# Packing for the Trip:



Requirements
for
MSU Language Majors

**MAJOR: FRENCH Bachelor of Arts Degree** CIP 16.0901

University Studies Requirements 44-47 hrs. (see Chapter 4, University Studies Requirements)

Note: Intermediate level modern language courses completed as part of the major or minor also satisfy modern language requirements for the B.A. All majors and minors, including those who score above the 301 level on the Placement Exam will be required to take FRE 301 and 331. FRE 301 and 331 serve as gateway courses to the upper level culture and literature courses. A minimum grade of C is required in 301 and 331. MLA 400 is required for the major; passing scores on the third year proficiency exams are required for entry into MLA 400.

Required Courses 19 hrs.
MLA 099 Transitions (entering Freshman only)

FRE 201 Intercultural Communications in French

FRE 202 Practical Applications in French or FRE 203 French for the Working World

FRE 301 Social Issues in French Texts

FRE 323 French Culture and Civilization or FRE 324 Contemporary French

FRE 331 Advanced Language Practice

MLA 400 Senior Seminar

Note: FRE 323 or 324 will be the gateway course into the upper-level French courses. Credit for FRE 101 and 102 may not be used toward the major or minor but will be counted for graduation.

Limited Electives 6 hrs.

Select from the following literature courses:

FRE 401 Survey of French Literature I

FRE 402 Survey of French Literature II

FRE 419 European Cinema

FRE 421 Topics in French Literature

FRE 441 Topics in French Cultural Studies

FRE 450 Literary Masterpieces in French

FRE 460 Studies in a Genre

FRE 501 Middle Ages Literature

FRE 503 Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Literature

FRE 505 Nineteenth-Century Literature

FRE 507 Twentieth-Century Literature

FRE 521 Topics in French Literature

Approved Electives 9 hrs.

Select from FRE courses beyond FRE 203.

**Note:** Each student must submit a senior research project.

Required Support Courses for French Major\_\_\_\_\_\_3 hrs.

One related course outside the Department of Modern Languages, selected from the approved list given in the department introduction.

**Note:** The Department strongly recommends that majors students study abroad for at least one summer.

Required Minor 21-24 hrs.

Electives<sup>1</sup> 12-18 hrs.

Total Curriculum Requirements 120 hrs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> At least one three-hour free elective must be chosen from outside Modern Languages and may not be counted as a University Studies requirement.

**MAJOR: GERMAN Bachelor of Arts Degree** CIP 16.0501

University Studies Requirements		44-47	hrs.
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(see Chapter 4, University Studies Requirements)

Note: Intermediate level modern language courses completed as part of the major or minor also satisfy modern language requirements for the B.A. All majors and minors, including those who score above the 301 level on the Placement Exam will be required to take GER 301 and 331. GER 301 and 331 serve as gateway courses to the upper level culture and literature courses. A minimum grade of C is required in 301 and 331. MLA 400 is required for the major; passing scores on the third year proficiency exams are required for entry into MLA 400.

Required Courses 19 hrs.

MLA 099 Transitions

GER 201 Intercultural Communications in German

GER 202 Practical Applications in German or GER 203 German for the Working World

GER 301 Social Issues in German Texts

GER 323 German Culture and Civilization or GER 324 Contemporary German Culture and Civilization

GER 331 Advanced Language Practice

MLA 400 Senior Seminar

Note: GER 323 or 324 will be the gateway course into the upper-level German courses. Credit for GER 101 and 102 may not be used toward the major or minor but will be counted for graduation.

Limited Electives 6 hrs.

Select from the following literature courses:

GER 401 Survey of German Literature I

GER 402 Survey of German Literature II

GER 419 European Cinema

GER 421 Topics in German Literature

GER 441 Topics in German Cultural Studies

GER 450 Literary Masterpieces in German

GER 460 Studies in a Genre

GER 501 Literature before 1600

GER 503 Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Literature

GER 505 Nineteenth-Century Literature

GER 507 Twentieth-Century Literature

GER 521 Topics in German Literature

### Approved Electives in German 9 hrs. Select from GER classes beyond GER 203.

**Note:** Each student must submit a senior research project.

Required Support Course 3 hrs.

One related course outside the Department of Modern Languages, selected from the approved list given in the department introduction.

**Note:** The Department strongly recommends that majors students study abroad for at least one summer.

Required Minor 21-24 hrs.

Electives<sup>1</sup> 12-18 hrs.

Total Curriculum Requirements 120 hrs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> At least one three-hour free elective must be chosen from outside Modern Languages and may not be counted as a University Studies requirement.

MAJOR: SPANISH Bachelor of Arts Degree CIP 10.0905

University Studies Requirements	44-47 hrs.
(see Chapter 4, University Studies Requirements)	

**Note:** Intermediate level modern language courses completed as part of the major or minor also satisfy modern language requirements for the B.A. All majors and minors, including those who score above the 301 level on the Placement Exam will be required to take SPA 302. SPA 301 serves as gateway courses to the upper level culture and literature courses. A minimum grade of C is required in 301 and 302. MLA 400 is required for the major; passing scores on the third year proficiency exams are required for entry into MLA 400.

Required Courses 16 hrs. MLA 099 Transitions SPA 201 Intercultural Communications in Spanish SPA 202 Practical Applications in Spanish or SPA 203 Spanish for the Working World SPA 301 Conversation and Composition I SPA 302 Conversation and Composition II MLA 400 Senior Seminar **Note:** Credit for SPA 101 and 102 may not be used for the major but will be counted for graduation. Limited Electives 6 hrs.

Select from the following literature courses: SPA 401 Survey of Spanish Literature SPA 403 Survey of Spanish-American Literature SPA 419 European Cinema SPA 421 Topics in Spanish Literature SPA 422Topic in Spanish-American Literature SPA 441Topics in Spanish Culture Studies SPA 450 Literary Masters in Spanish SPA 460 Studies in a Genre SPA 503 Golden Age Literature SPA 504 Don Quixote SPA 505 Nineteenth-Century Spanish Literature SPA 507 Twentieth-Century Spanish Literature SPA 511 Spanish-American Short Story SPA 512 Spanish-American Novel SPA 521 Topics in Spanish Literature SPA 522 Topics in Spanish-American Literature Approved Electives in Spanish 12 hrs.

Select from SPA courses beyond SPA 203 Required Support Course 3 hrs.

One related course outside the Department of Modern Languages, selected from the approved list given in the departmental introduction. Note: The Department strongly recommends that majors study abroad for at least one summer. Required Minor 21-24 hrs. Electives 12-18 hrs. Total Curriculum Requirements \_\_\_\_\_\_120 hrs. 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Each student must submit a senior research project.

# Passport, Please: Study Abroad



#### Why should I think seriously about studying abroad?

Gain insight into another culture At Murray State University you have the opportunity to study cultures by reading books and looking at pictures from famous sites. By studying abroad, you take a culture class that can <u>never</u> be equaled. You have the chance to touch, taste, hear and smell the culture being studied, an in-depth study that can only take place in the culture itself

Hone your language skills You can study foreign languages here at MSU, but the experience of living and functioning in that language is not real until you need to catch the bus, order food and buy a sweater in that language. You will leave a study abroad experience with fluency you never dreamed you'd have.

Meet new people and make new friends You have this opportunity on campus as well, but you will not meet the same kind of people at MSU as while you are studying in Spain or Italy. When you study abroad, you meet other American students who see international experiences in the same light as you. You meet foreign students who have different perspectives on life, love and happiness. You meet teachers who provide insights into culture that you never pondered. And you meet yourself. You find out what it means to be an American and how other citizens of the world view Americans.

**Travel and study simultaneously** You have the chance to travel abroad and gain college credit at the same time. You can study German in Germany, art in Italy or political science in France. Not only do you study these things, but also you get to put your hands on them and practice them in their native environment.

Gain a greater understanding of yourself You'll return from a study abroad experience with a broader knowledge of the world and its inhabitants. You will see things differently because you had the chance to live in a world that is not known to everyone. You will return to MSU with a greater understanding of how you fit into the world, how Americans fit into the world and how the world operates. You may return and decide to change your major or minor or add the study of a second language to your academic goals.

Obtain an enhanced sense of self-confidence After a study abroad experience, students usually have the idea that they can do anything. Think about it. You've traveled abroad, sometimes alone, and made it back in one piece. You've booked train tickets, taken taxis, ordered food in another language, managed to dress like a native, studied and passed your classes, hiked through the Australian outback and translated the shoe sizes in Scotland to those in America. You did it all ...You did it alone. And now you can do anything.

**Provide yourself with greater employability** One day you'll want a job. When you apply for the same job that 100 people have applied for, what is going to make you stand out? What is going to make an employer pick you over the other 99 applicants? A study abroad experience

will do just that. Having study abroad on your resume speaks volumes to potential employers. You are saying you have initiative, you're an explorer and you're willing to step out and take a risk on your own. You also let employers know that you have lived and studied with people from other cultures. When you enter the workforce, you'll be sitting next to foreigners. You'll share an office with someone from Japan, France or Finland. You have to show that you can work with people from other cultures. A study abroad experience shows that you've not only studied other cultures (you can do that here at MSU), but you've lived in another culture. You can better understand the rationale of other cultures and exhibit patience when you aren't understood.

Have stories to tell your grandkids Things will happen on a study abroad experience that you never imagined possible. In England you'll see the "Page Two Girl" everyday in The Sun (she's completely naked). In Germany you'll see your classmates drink a beer while listening to a lecture. In Japan you'll hear these people who don't seem anything like you speak perfect English in the heart of Tokyo. You'll discover new foods, like sushi, escargots, or a new kind of chocolate. You'll find out that the world really is a small place to be when you see a long-lost friend on a ferry across the English Channel. It's amazing the vivid stories you'll be able to tell your grandkids (and the ones you won't).

**Prepare yourself for culture shock** To prepare for your study abroad experience, Murray State University's Modern Language Department offers Culture courses in French, German and Japanese, at the 105 level. GER 105, FRE 105, MLA 105 and JPN 105 do not count toward a language degree, however they can prove essential to the development of language skills by providing a basis for understanding the cultural concepts within the language.

The 105 Culture courses are conducted in English so that even the most inexperienced language student may benefit. The Culture courses provide a survey of the contemporary cultures of each language native land with emphasis on the values, behavioral characteristics, social and political systems and achievements of the native speakers.

#### To obtain information on studying abroad:

Institute for International Studies 165 Woods Hall Murray KY 42071 Ph. 270-809-2277 Fax 270-809-3237

Or visit the Kentucky Institute for International Studies website at <a href="http://www.kiis.org/go/index.php">http://www.kiis.org/go/index.php</a>

So How Was Your Trip?



### **Explaining Class Experiences**

These are skills you probably have already acquired through your language studies that can now be put on your resume or use in a job interview. Remember, you have not merely taken GER 301. You have been enrolled in a 3-credit hour German Conversation and Composition course, in which you intensively practiced speaking and writing on a variety of topics. (Give examples of the topics!) In said course, you also read literature of many different periods and genres, summarized ideas both orally and in writing, analyzed and then explained complex thoughts on the subject matter to fellow classmates (interpersonal skills!), and related this material to the current state of affairs in Germany. You've gained all this experience from GER 301!

### **Skills**

- Understanding historical language changes
- Critical reading
- Evaluating information
- Comparing translations and interpretations
- Summarizing ideas
- Explaining complex thoughts
- Reading for content and structure
- Understanding cultural diversity
- Adapting to other cultures
- Acknowledging value systems
- Communicating between cultures
- Proficiency in listening, reading, speaking, and writing
- Knowledge of cultural diversity where the language is spoken
- Awareness of the value of international exchange and cooperation

- Things you learn in your language classes:
  - aspects of a culture (105)
  - literature of various periods
  - commercial language (203)
  - language through the media
  - grammar and phonetics
  - conversation
- Additional experience to make yourself more marketable:
  - study abroad!!!
  - take electives related to your career goals and in supporting areas
  - participate in, and take leadership roles in, extracurricular activities (ICALA, Alpha Mu Gamma, ISO)
  - use your language skills in an internship or part-time job
  - learn a second (or third!) foreign language

### Resources

The Anne Whitten Bilingual Human Resources Inc. website <a href="https://www.annewhitten.com">www.annewhitten.com</a>

America's Career Infonet has a current listing of the fastest growing and highest paying occupations:

http://www.acinet.org/

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