



# DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES



**ABOUT US** The Department of World Languages offers programs in seven languages, as well as the option to study additional languages through the Directed Independent Language Studies (DILS) program. In a world that is increasingly interconnected and diverse, language study is more important than ever. By studying a language at MSU Denver, you can become the person who brings people together and fosters understanding among diverse groups. We not only help you improve your intellectual abilities, but we provide the communication, facilitation and teamwork skills that give you a competitive edge in any field.



**WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL** We transform students' lives through instruction and mentorship, participation in critical dialogue, and promotion of cultural and linguistic diversity. Our students leave our programs culturally aware, linguistically equipped, and committed to lifelong learning. Above all, our students possess transferable skills that lead them to professional success in practically all fields in the global economy.



**MAJOR/MINOR** We offer majors in French, Spanish or Dual-Language with four options for a secondary language. We support a single- or dual-language K-12 Teaching Licensure. We offer minors in French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish; as well as courses in American Sign Language and Chinese. For additional languages, check out our DILS program.



**ALUMNI QUOTE** "My language courses at MSU Denver provided me with a solid foundation of theoretical knowledge and cultural awareness. Classes were always well organized, interesting, and challenging. Furthermore, the faculty's knowledge and guidance helped me pursue my studies successfully, and helped me achieve my goal of becoming a French-to-English translator."

– Dawn O'Connor, BS, MA, RN

## INDUSTRY CAREERS

- Translator/Interpreter
- Investment Analyst
- Customs/Immigration
- HR Specialist
- Educator
- Consultant/Coordinator



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# WORLD LANGUAGES | Bachelor of Arts

Experiential Major Map



COLLEGE OF LETTERS,  
ARTS AND SCIENCES

	First Year	Middle Years	Last Year
<b>Cultivate</b> Learning & Academic Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend Orientation and meet your academic advisor</li> <li>Obtain language placement</li> <li>Complete requirements by taking the 1010 and 1020 language classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Declare your major</li> <li>Consider adding a certificate or a minor</li> <li>Explore study abroad</li> <li>Consult with an advisor to map out your graduation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check in with your advisor to ensure you are completing all graduation requirements</li> <li>Complete your Senior Experience requirement</li> <li>Apply for graduation</li> </ul>
<b>Engage</b> Globally and Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join a language club or conversation group</li> <li>Volunteer as a conversation partner</li> <li>Connect with professors and peers at events hosted by the Department of World Languages</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply to be a language coach for the Directed Independent Language Studies program</li> <li>Attend multicultural events</li> <li>Join a national language honor society</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join volunteer projects requiring language skills</li> <li>Integrate your applied learning assignments with real-life needs</li> <li>Practice leadership skills by involving your club in World Languages</li> </ul>
<b>Prepare</b> for Postgraduation Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Become familiar with Career Link for on-campus jobs</li> <li>Talk with your professors about career options</li> <li>Visit the Classroom to Career (C2) Hub website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend C2 employment and internship fairs</li> <li>Get help at C2 with building your resume</li> <li>Check with your department and college for internship opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect with alumni working in careers of interest</li> <li>Get help from C2 with job searches and/or graduate school applications</li> </ul>

## Career Information

### What skills do employers want?

- Ability to communicate effectively
- Teamwork and cooperation skills
- Time management
- Organization skills
- Adaptability and teachability
- Problem-solving skills

### This major gives me the skills to:

- Communicate successfully, with intercultural awareness
- Apply discipline, self-motivation, open-mindedness and analytical reasoning
- Collaborate and lead with empathy

### What careers can I pursue?

- Language Services
- Education
- Tourism and Hospitality
- International Relations and Immigration Services
- Advertising, Marketing, Media and Creative Outlets

### Academic Success Checklist

- Discover library resources
- Book an appointment with your academic advisor
- Visit the writing and tutoring center
- Complete FASFA and academic scholarship applications

### Languages get you hired!

90% of U.S. employers demand multilingual talent. 44 U.S. states report a shortage of language educators.

### Career Development Checklist

- Update your resume early & often
- Drop into the C2 Hub's Career Lab
- Secure an internship or career aligned part time job to develop essential skills for graduation

