

In today's increasingly interconnected world, learning a language is a valuable asset for any future career. Apart from linguistic and cultural proficiency, a major in language helps develop important skills and abilities such as critical thinking, memory, flexibility in learning and thinking, an appreciation and awareness of global perspectives, and the ability to interact effectively with people of different backgrounds. It also contributes to a fuller, richer understanding of your own language and culture.

Robust program options. The Department of Modern Languages and Cultures at St. Ambrose offers several majors and minors to best match your talents and meet your career needs:

- > Bachelor of Arts in Spanish degree
- > Minor in Spanish
- > Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Secondary Education degree
- > Spanish endorsement for Elementary Education
- > Minor in Hispanic Studies
- > Bachelor of Arts in French degree
- > Minor in French Studies
- > Minor in German Studies

A competitive advantage. In the world of international business and non-profits, knowledge of a foreign language gives you a competitive advantage in the workforce, at the same time that it expands your options to new and exciting types of employment and opportunities for growth. Learning a language such as Spanish will certainly give you a competitive advantage in any job market. If you consider yourself a global citizen, have a passion for learning, want to see the world through new eyes, or just want to give yourself an edge in today's competitive job market, the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures at St. Ambrose is the perfect fit for you!

Ambrose Advantages

More than imagined. Professors with a range of specialties from film and cultural studies to language acquisition broaden the St. Ambrose experience. Modern Languages and Cultures courses offer much more than you might imagine. In addition to traditional courses focused on writing, linguistics, and second language acquisition; you can take courses and seminars on comics and sequential art, media representation of violence, popular culture, and film in three different languages: Spanish, German, and French. These courses offer a creative, compelling way to learn the culture and history of the Spanish, German, and French speaking worlds.

Study in another country. All students majoring or minoring in one of our three languages will have the opportunity to earn some credits in another country. Some of those options include programs in Argentina, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican



Republic, France, Germany, Mexico, Spain, and Uruguay.

You won't get lost in the crowd. Small class size gives you the opportunity for personalized mentoring and instruction. In languages classes at St. Ambrose, you will never get lost in the crowd, and every student plays an important role in class discussions and activities. To further enrich your experience of studying language at St. Ambrose, professors encourage participation (and participate themselves) in social activities.

Career Opportunities

Career options for graduates with a major or minor in modern languages include the following fields: **teaching, business, communications, government, foreign service, diplomatic service, journalism, travel industry, translation, and research.** Graduates in modern languages find jobs in **interpreting, overseas news reporting, external relations, librarianship, banking, finance, business**—the prospects are limitless! And nearly every career is

enhanced by knowledge of a second language, especially those in health and human services.

Our graduates have been especially successful when they combine advanced study in a modern language with another major. They are then able to add proficiency in a foreign language and culture to their knowledge and skills in another specialty (e.g., business, social work, nursing, engineering).

In a global and ever more diverse job market, these experiences with world cultures make our graduates more adaptable and, therefore, more employable.

Career Outlook

- > The field of interpretation and translation is among the five fastest growing on the U.S. job market, with jobs projected to the nearly double by 30,000 through 2022, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- > Foreign language majors have an entry point into the expanding fields of international business and international finance. The annual median salary for international finance managers was \$109,740 in 2012, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Handbook. International marketing managers earned a median salary of \$119,480 in 2012.
- > Adult literacy and high school equivalency teaching positions are expected to increase by 9 percent through 2022. Median pay for such teaching positions was \$48,590 in 2012.
- > Teaching positions ranked fourth (high school), sixth (middle school) and 10th (elementary school)—based on growth potential and job and salary satisfaction—among social service jobs in a 2014 *U.S. News & World Report* ranking of jobs

What Some of Our Graduates Have Done

A few of the organizations that employ St. Ambrose modern languages and cultures graduates:

- > St. Norbert College, secretary of alumni and parent relations
- > St. Thomas More High School, Spanish teacher

In addition, St. Ambrose modern languages and cultures students have successfully been accepted to continue their career in prestigious graduate programs at the University of Iowa, DePaul University, Washington University and the University of Connecticut.

Your Career: Networking, Internships and Jobs in the Quad Cities

The Quad Cities is a welcoming and fun place to live as a college student. More than that, it offers a great community to help you prepare for—or even start—your career. With its rich

history and people from many cultures, the Quad Cities offers a diverse population and experiences for students. Viva! Quad-Cities, celebrating the Hispanic heritage, is but one of the many cultural events held annually that gives students the chance to enjoy the thriving diversity within the Quad Cities. From Scotland to Sweden, Vietnam to Africa, you'll find a multitude of cultural traditions to explore and learn from. For students majoring in education, St. Ambrose also has strong connections to more than 150 public and private schools in the Quad City area. Deere & Company is headquartered here, as are local operations for other international corporations such as Alcoa, HON and Ralston Purina. Many other companies that span the globe have branches and administration centers in the Quad City region, and provide employment for people with business, technology and language skills. All this makes the Quad Cities an exceptional place for networking, internships and jobs.

Get in Touch With Us Today

We invite you to visit St. Ambrose to learn more about the opportunities here. Our quality academic programs provide one of the best private education values in the Midwest. Check it out for yourself: contact our Admissions Office, 563/333-6300 (toll-free 800/383-2627) or admit@sau.edu, or go online to www.sau.edu.

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