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## What can I do with my degree...in Bachelor of Arts, Modern Languages (French, Spanish)?

### Knowing What's Expected

If you have excellent communications, organizational, writing, planning, and administrative skills as well as intellectual curiosity you will enjoy the options that the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Modern Languages affords.

Modern language graduates need to be able to convey meaning precisely and have the ability to think logically and analytically.

Knowledge of computer systems and current information sources is also important.

### Transferable Skills

- ❖ Continually improving interpersonal and communication skills
- ❖ Knowledge of social trends
- ❖ Analytical skills
- ❖ Initiative and self-reliance
- ❖ Time management and personal organizational skills
- ❖ Second Language skills

### Your Choices

A Bachelor of Arts with a Modern Language major offers a broad background in the humanities and social sciences. As a result, depending on your interests, you may pursue occupations in sectors such as communications, culture, law, religion, social work, and administration.

\*\*Some of these occupations will require further education

### Careers for Modern Language Majors

- ❖ Translator
- ❖ Writer, Editor or Journalist
- ❖ Library Technician
- ❖ Public Administration
- ❖ Project Manager
- ❖ Researcher or Consultant
- ❖ Policy or Program Officer
- ❖ Archivist
- ❖ University Research or Teaching Assistant
- ❖ Conservator or Curator
- ❖ Social Worker
- ❖ Probation Officer
- ❖ Liaison and Information Officer
- ❖ Foreign Service Officer

### Necessary Skills

- ❖ Researching and writing skills
- ❖ Project Management
- ❖ Leadership
- ❖ Public speaking

## What Employers Want

Contributions you make to your community reflect well on you as an individual. Employers are looking for students who are dedicated, hard working, and show a commitment to their interests.

By getting involved in on-campus societies (see-[www.mountstudents.ca](http://www.mountstudents.ca)) and volunteering early, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

### Associations

Why join now? Professional associations are a great way to network within your field of study. Not only do these organizations help get you connected, they also help keep you well-informed. Many also have discounted student membership rates.

- ❖ Alliance française d'Halifax-Dartmouth  
[www.af.ca/halifax](http://www.af.ca/halifax)
- ❖ Association of Translators and Interpreters of Nova Scotia  
[www.atins.org](http://www.atins.org)
- ❖ Canadian Library Association  
[www.cla.ca](http://www.cla.ca)
- ❖ Writer's Federation of Nova Scotia  
[www.writers.ns.ca](http://www.writers.ns.ca)

## Available Reference Materials

### *What To Do With Your Degree*

- ❖ What You Can Do with an Arts Degree
- ❖ Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors

### *Occupation Information*

- ❖ Opportunities in Entertainment Careers
- ❖ Careers for Writers & Others Who Have a Way with Words
- ❖ Careers in Culture
- ❖ [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

### *Directories*

- ❖ Who's Hiring
- ❖ Associations Canada
- ❖ Canadian Career Directory
- ❖ Directory of Community Services

## Job Searching

### *Job Hunting Websites*

- ❖ [www.msvu.ca/careerplanning](http://www.msvu.ca/careerplanning)
- ❖ The Halifax Herald  
[www.jobspress.com](http://www.jobspress.com)
- ❖ Nova Scotia Public Service Commission  
[www.gov.ns.ca/psc/services/employ](http://www.gov.ns.ca/psc/services/employ)
- ❖ Government of Canada  
<http://jobs.gc.ca>
- ❖ Atlantic Canada Jobs & Employment  
[www.atlanticjobs.com](http://www.atlanticjobs.com)
- ❖ Canadian Security Intelligence Services  
<http://www.csis-scrs.gc.ca/>

### **For More Information Visit:**

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