

What Can I Do with My Degree In...

# Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages?



## Know What's Expected

Modern language graduates need to be able to convey meaning precisely and have the ability to think logically and analytically in different languages. They have excellent communications, organizational, writing, planning, and administrative skills and are passionate about language.

## 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
- Teamwork skills

## What Employers Want to See

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 on-campus (for societies visit [mountstudents.ca](http://mountstudents.ca)) or off-campus early in your degree, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

You can also build your Mount Co-Curricular Record (CCR) with these activities at [msvu.ca/CCRP](http://msvu.ca/CCRP) and present this official document to future employers.

## Necessary Skills

- Leadership
- Researching and writing skills
- Public Speaking
- Project Management

## Where Can You Work?

A Modern Language major offers a broad background in the humanities and social sciences. Graduates from Modern Languages programs may find careers in communications, culture, law, religion, social work, education, and administration.

A Modern Languages degree is also a great stepping stone for further education. Visit the Bachelor of Arts—Modern History webpage for more information.

## Possible Job Titles

- Translator
- Writer, Editor or Journalist
- Library Technician
- Public Administration
- Policy or Program Officer
- Archivist
- University Research or Teaching Assistant
- Conservator or Curator
- Social Worker
- Liaison and Information Officer

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## Where Can I Volunteer?

Volunteering provides a great opportunity to get involved in your field of study and make some great connections. Here are a few options for you to consider:

- Schools
- Art galleries and museums
- Historic Properties
- Libraries
- Student Societies
- Students Union

Visit [msvu.ca/ccrp](http://msvu.ca/ccrp) for more local organizations.

## Online Job Resources

Many organizations will promote their job opportunities online. Visit the Job Search Resources page at [msvu.ca/careerplanning](http://msvu.ca/careerplanning) for links to frequently used job boards.

## Professional Associations

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.afhalifax.ca](http://www.afhalifax.ca)
- Association of Translators and Interpreters of Nova Scotia  
[www.atins.org](http://www.atins.org)
- Canadian Association of Applied Linguistics  
[www.aclacaal.org](http://www.aclacaal.org)
- Canadian Library Association  
[www.cla.ca](http://www.cla.ca)
- Modern Language Association  
[www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org)
- Writer's Federation of Nova Scotia  
[www.writers.ns.ca](http://www.writers.ns.ca)

## MSVU Career Planning Services

At the Mount, we offer a variety of career related services, workshops, resources and opportunities for students. Whether you need help making a career decision, are looking for a job, or are wondering what your can do with your degree, we can help you plan a realistic career path and perform a successful job search.

Drop by Career Planning Services to book an appointment with a Career Counsellor, schedule a resume critique with a Career Assistant, or just explore our resources!

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