

# Foreign Language

## Curriculum

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures offers French, German, Russian and Spanish as major fields of study. Minors may be earned in French, German, Ancient Greek, Japanese, Latin, Russian and Spanish, or an Area Studies Program.

### Foreign Language majors develop the following skills:

- Speaking to groups
- Clarifying ideas
- Reading for content and structure
- Understanding historical language change
- Explaining complex concepts
- Communicating between cultures
- Reading critically
- Assessing needs
- Evaluating evidence
- Comparing translations/ interpretations
- Gathering information
- Collaborating in a team
- Organizing materials/information
- Interviewing
- Adapting to other cultures
- Summarizing ideas

### Job and Internship Websites

- Institute of International Education  
<http://www.iie.org/en/Careers>
- Tesol International Association  
<http://www.tesol.org/>
- American Translators Association  
<http://www.atanet.org/>
- National Association of Judiciary Interpreters & Translators  
<http://www.najit.org>
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages  
<http://www.actfl.org/>
- Peace Corps  
<http://www.peacecorps.gov/>
- Trabajos  
<http://www.trabajos.com/>
- Riley Guide  
<http://www.rileyguide.com/internat.html>
- U. S. State Department  
<http://www.state.gov/careers/>
- Bilingual Jobs  
<http://www.bilingual-jobs.com/>
- Dave's ESL Café- Job Center  
<http://www.eslcafe.com/jobs/>
- Overseas Jobs  
<http://www.overseasjobs.com/>
- USA Jobs  
<https://www.usajobs.gov/>
- United Nations  
<http://www.un.org/>
- White House Internships  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/wh-intern.html>
- DC Internships  
<http://www.dccinternships.org/>
- Smithsonian Office of Fellowships & Internships  
<http://www.smithsonianofi.com/>
- Central Intelligence Agency  
<https://www.cia.gov/careers>
- My World Abroad  
<https://www.myworldabroad.com/>

## Get Involved

French Club  
German Club  
History Club  
Latin Dancing and Cultural Club  
Russian Club  
Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish)  
Spanish Club

<https://campuslink.okstate.edu>

### College of Arts & Sciences Career Services

213 Life Science East  
Tel: 405 744 5658

For appointments and resources:  
<http://cascareers.okstate.edu>

# Foreign Language Career Paths...

## **Business:**

Foreign Language graduates have a host of business job opportunities open to them.

### **Career Options**

Business Executive	Sales Specialist
Human Resource Coordinator	Public Relations Expert
International Lawyer	Import/Export Specialist
International Banking/Finance Officer	
U.S. Representative (foreign company)	
Technical Liaison (businesses operating in a foreign country)	

### **Potential Employers**

Import/Export Firms	Banking Facilities
Non-Profit Organizations	Government

## **Communications:**

As the world moves closer to a global economy, graduates with foreign language skills can be a valuable link in the communication chain.

### **Career Options**

Foreign News Correspondent  
Foreign News Photographer  
Film/Radio/Television Producer  
Simultaneous Interpreter  
Entertainment Media Specialist  
Editor  
Translator (books, articles, and reviews)  
Advertiser (ethnic or foreign market)  
International Communications Specialist

### **Potential Employers**

Telephone Companies  
Telemarketing  
News Organizations  
Freelance  
Advertising Agencies

## **Travel Services:**

The increase in the number of international tourists visiting the country has made bilingualism an important skill in the travel industry.

### **Career Options**

Relocation Specialist	Travel Advisor
Ticket Agent	Tour Guide
Flight Attendants	Concierge Services

### **Potential Employers**

Travel Industry	Visitors Bureau
Airlines/Airports	Convention Centers
Hospitality Industry	

## **Government & Information Services:**

Foreign language competence is an asset to workers in social work, public health, and law enforcement.

### **Career Options**

Diplomatic Corps Officer	Translator/Interpreter
Court Interpreter	Immigration Counselor
Federal Agency Bilingual Staff	U.S. Customs Agent
U.S. Naturalization Service Agent	Detective

### **Potential Employers**

Federal Bureau of Investigation	U.S. Customs Service
U.S. Department of State	United Nations
National Security Agency	Prison Systems
Central Intelligence Agency	Police Department
Drug Enforcement Administration	

## **Education:**

Professors conducting research need to be able to locate information in a variety of sources and use or access to a foreign language is essential.

### **Career Options**

Textbook Author/Editor  
Linguistics  
School Teacher  
Translator  
Educational Administrator

### **Potential Employers**

Universities/Colleges  
K-12 Schools  
Language Schools  
Social Service

## **Science/Medicine/Social Services:**

Federal, state, and local service agencies hire bilingual or multilingual personnel, depending on the language groups presented in the community.

### **Career Options**

Scientific Researcher	Counselor
Nurse/Doctor	Social Worker
Law Enforcement Officer	Missionary
Public Assistance Interviewer	Firefighter
Health Service Worker	Paramedic
Multilingual Attorney	Civil Service

### **Potential Employers**

International Agencies	Hospitals
Social Service Agencies	Armed Forces
Government Law Enforcement	

## Henry Bellmon Scholarship

Provides financial assistance for full-time undergraduates who will be completing government internships in Washington, D.C. or at a state or federal agency in Oklahoma for the summer months.

For more information visit in 213 LSE

## Scholarships

Bailey Family Memorial Study Abroad Scholarship  
The Frances Lee and Charles Dutreau Scholarship  
The John Sadler Award  
The William J Ray Memorial Scholarship  
The Reusen-Berghmans Memorial Award  
The Golconda Award

For more information about these scholarships visit:  
<http://fillcourses.okstate.edu/departamental-scholarships>