ABOUT THE MAJOR

World Languages and Cultures focuses on general knowledge of a country, its language, history, culture, political and economic systems, and literature. As a student, you will gain skills in cognition, verbal abilities, competency in another language, cultural awareness, and an understanding of globalization. This major will help you learn the multiple connections between language, culture, and applications to other disciplines. IUPUI offers degrees and translation studies certificates in French, German, and Spanish as well as courses in Arabic, Japanese, Chinese, and Classic Languages (Greek, Latin, etc.).

Skills and abilities this major develops include: cultural competency, foreign language, public speaking, critical thinking, and communication (IU School of Liberal Arts, 2017).

OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION

Career Opportunities

Liberal arts graduates have a variety of career prospects upon graduation including public relations, social services, business development, and more. The job outlook for World Languages and Cultures varies depending by career and language studies. According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (2017), employment of interpreters and translators is projected to grow much faster than average at 29% through 2024. This growth is due to increasing globalization and a more diverse U.S. population.

Salary Information

The average starting salary for IU School of Liberal Arts graduates from IUPUI was $33,495 for the May 2016 graduating cohort. The median starting salary for liberal arts graduates who studied foreign language was $47,500 for the class of May 2016 according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE, 2017).

(This section is intended for informational purposes, not prediction of actual salary.)

Graduate & Professional School Paths

World Languages and Cultures majors often pursue advanced degrees in the following areas: Education, International Affairs, Linguistics, Business Management, English as a Second Language, Journalism, Political Science, Communications, and Foreign Language Literature among others.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

IU School of Liberal Arts
Department of World Languages & Cultures
Cavanaugh Hall 545
liberalarts.iupui.edu/wlc

American Translators Association
www.atanet.org

Liberal Arts Career Development Office
Cavanaugh Hall 243B
317-274-1224
liberalarts.iupui.edu/careers

Sample Coursework:
- Foreign language courses
- World cultures through language
- Translation studies
- Foreign literature
- Immersion abroad experience
- Islam, gender, & conflicts

Possible Careers:
- Communications specialist
- International student services
- Legal analyst
- Nonprofit program coordinator
- Paralegal*
- Translator/interpreter

* = Career option requires additional training or education.

Where Could I Work?
- Business development
- Community & social services
- Nonprofit organizations
- Religious ministries
- Social Work
- State of Indiana

Complementing Interests:

Have questions for Academic & Career Development? Schedule an appointment:
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