What can you do with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in French and/or Spanish?

About French and/or Spanish
Knowledge of one or more foreign languages can be useful in a wide range of careers. For some jobs, such as translating, interpreting and language teaching, language skills are one of the main requirements. For other jobs a combination of languages and other qualifications, knowledge or skills may be needed. For example, people with languages plus IT, law, finance or sales skills are much sought-after.

For the foreign language specialist, thorough training in a foreign language is indispensable. He or she translates, interprets, or teaches in one or more foreign languages. The specialist possesses and uses knowledge of the literature, culture, and history of the country or minority community in which the language is used, so he or she is aware of aspects such as sociolinguistics and the effect of culture on language that go considerably beyond basic communication. Besides language teachers in educational institutions, language specialists are required in diplomatic and government service, the travel industry, and international business, just to mention a few.

Career/Job Opportunities
The study of a second language complements any career as it broadens a student's intercultural understanding, improves communication skills, facilitates international business and expands international work opportunities. Fluency in French and/or Spanish can give an applicant for any position a clear advantage over unilingual candidates. In Canada, proficiency in French is desirable in civil service positions and the study of French and/or Spanish can also lead to a career in Foreign Service. Specializing in French and/or Spanish can lead to a career in teaching or translation/interpretation, as well as open doors to graduate study, international business, international law and many other fields. Learning a second language helps one better understand one's native language, and helps to develop a student's analytical and critical reading skills. In the global economy where free trade within the Americas, Europe and Asia is constantly expanding, a foreign language is increasingly becoming an essential tool.
The ALIS (Alberta Learning Information Service) [http://alis.alberta.ca](http://alis.alberta.ca) and the Working in Canada [http://www.workingincanada.gc.ca](http://www.workingincanada.gc.ca) websites provide information about wages, education requirements, local and national employment prospects, interests and skill requirements for graduates of the Bachelor of Arts – French or Spanish degree.

If you would like to explore your interests, identify your goals; discuss your career options and job search strategies and discover how to make the most of your education, we encourage you to either drop by the Counselling and Career Centre in room 1402 or call 403-343-4064 to make an appointment with the Career and Employment Services Coordinator.

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This career/job listing is only a sample of the opportunities available; these are certainly not the only career/job options accessible with this degree. Some of the careers listed require further education. For career information, enter the four digit number listed below in the Alberta Learning Information Services Website (www.alis.alberta.ca) or the National Occupational Classification Website ([http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/](http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/)).

**With your education in French and/or Spanish you could be a:**

- Teacher/Instructor/Second Language Teacher
- English Legal Editor/Editor #5122
- Manager of Information Services #0611
- Lexicographer #5121
- Proofreader #1452
- Translator #5125
- Researcher
- Linguist #4169

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**Employers** *(not a comprehensive list)*

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**Major Skills obtained from Bachelor of Arts – French or Spanish**
(not a comprehensive list)
- Knowledge of the origins, structure & function of language
- Language & writing skills
- Exceptional oral communication skills
- Research & organizational skills
- Analytical thinking skills
- Ability to listen & comprehend
- Awareness of the of language in transmitting culture
- Ability to integrate knowledge from a number of disciplines
- Strong written communication skills

**Listing of Potential Employers**
Red Deer College – [www.rdc.ab.ca/employment](http://www.rdc.ab.ca/employment)
City of Red Deer – [www.reddeer.ca](http://www.reddeer.ca)
City of Calgary – [www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca)
City of Edmonton – [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca)
Corus Entertainment - [www.corusent.com](http://www.corusent.com)
CTV Globe Media - [www.ctvglobemedia.com](http://www.ctvglobemedia.com)
Meyers Norris Penny LLP – [www.mnp.ca](http://www.mnp.ca)
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP – [www.pwcrecruiting.com](http://www.pwcrecruiting.com)

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General Job Search Websites

- [www.rdc.ab.ca/employment](http://www.rdc.ab.ca/employment) Red Deer College Job Opportunities
- [http://rdc.ab.ca/about/human-resources/employment/student-employment](http://rdc.ab.ca/about/human-resources/employment/student-employment) Red Deer College Online Job Posting Board
- [www.reddeer.ca](http://www.reddeer.ca) City of Red Deer
- [http://rdcounty.ca/](http://rdcounty.ca/) Red Deer County
- [http://www.reddeerchamber.com](http://www.reddeerchamber.com) Red Deer Chamber of Commerce
- [www.reddeerconstruction.com](http://www.reddeerconstruction.com) Red Deer Construction Association
- [www.carmagroup.ca](http://www.carmagroup.ca) Central Albert Rural Manufacturing Association
- [www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca)
- [http://ca.indeed.com/?r=us](http://ca.indeed.com/?r=us)
- [www.chr.alberta.ca/jobs](http://www.chr.alberta.ca/jobs) Alberta provincial government
- [www.jobs.gc.ca](http://www.jobs.gc.ca) Federal government
- [www.healthjobs.ab.ca](http://www.healthjobs.ab.ca) Alberta Health Services
- [http://www.rdpsd.ab.ca/Human-Resources.php](http://www.rdpsd.ab.ca/Human-Resources.php) Red Deer Public School District
- [www.eluta.ca](http://www.eluta.ca)
- [www.reddeerjobshop.ca](http://www.reddeerjobshop.ca)
- [http://reddeer.kijiji.ca](http://reddeer.kijiji.ca)
- [www.wegotjobs.ca](http://www.wegotjobs.ca)
- [http://talentegg.ca/](http://talentegg.ca/)
- [www.jobster.com](http://www.jobster.com)
- [http://www.extremejobs.ca/](http://www.extremejobs.ca/)
- [http://charityvillage.com/](http://charityvillage.com/)
- [http://www.tagrecruitmentgroup.com/](http://www.tagrecruitmentgroup.com/)
- [http://www.glassdoor.ca/index.htm](http://www.glassdoor.ca/index.htm)
- [www.alberta-canada.com/jobs](http://www.alberta-canada.com/jobs)
- [www.wowjobs.ca](http://www.wowjobs.ca)

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Professional Associations and Sites of Interest
Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists - www.caslpa.ca
Canadian Linguistic Association - www.chass.utoronto.ca/~cla-acl/
Editors’ Association of Canada - www.editors.ca
Linguistic Society of America - www.lsadc.org
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) - www.asha.org
The Canadian Hearing Society - www.chs.ca
Canadian Translators, Terminologists and Interpreters Council - www.cttic.org

RDC Department Information
Bachelor of Arts French or Spanish - http://www.rdc.ab.ca/academic_calendar/program_course_listing/university_transfer_programs/Pages/bachelor_of_arts_in_french_and_spanish.aspx

For More Info
Please contact the Career & Employment Services Coordinator
403.314.2476
Counselling & Career Centre - Room 1402
employmentservices@rdc.ab.ca
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http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/majors/english.htm
http://www.uwec.edu/career/students/major/english.htm
http://www.worldwidelearn.com/online-education-guide/arts-humanities/english-major.htm
http://www2.yk.psu.edu/common/degrees/undergrad/bacc/english/engmajor.shtml
What You Can Do With an Arts Degree, written by Dave Studd and Philip Schofield