What to do with a degree in

GERMAN STUDIES

Studying German will provide you with a multidisciplinary examination of German language, literature, culture, art and history. This program will allow you to improve your German language skills while also examining German politics, history, literature and culture. During the course of your studies, you'll gain creative thinking skills, research and analytical capabilities, intercultural awareness, and the ability to fluently communicate in German.

KEY SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

Understand German language - Comprehensive knowledge of the German language: German grammar and vocabulary; ensuring accuracy, conciseness and clarity of written information.

Language - Aptitude for language and acquisition; understanding of phonetics and ability to imitate sounds; command of grammar and syntax; understanding of language structures; understand historical language change.

Editing skills - Seeing patterns in written information; extracting salient points.

Synthesis and Analysis - Critical and analytical thinking: observation and decision-making; Interpretation; literary analysis.

Research skills - Information retrieval, presenting material in clear and easy to read written format; data collection; process and synthesize vast amounts of data and apply where relevant; clearly explain research results.

Cross-Cultural Communication - Intercultural awareness; knowledge and appreciation of other cultures; multi-cultural appreciation.

Public speaking and communication skills - Ability to influence and persuade others.

SAMPLE JOB TITLES

Alumni Programs Coordinator  Health Administrator  Policy Analyst
Bilingual Coding Specialist  Heritage Interpreter  Proofreader
Broadcaster  Immigration Inspector/Officer  Researcher
Buyer  Import/Export Manager  Sign Language Interpreter
Certified Translator  Information Specialist  Teacher/Professor
Communications Officer  International Business Consultant  Technical Writer
Community Interpreter  International Centre Coordinator  Terminologist
Conference Interpreter  International Student Advisor  Textbook Publisher
Court Interpreter  International Trade  Tourism Officer
Customs Inspector/Officer  Interpreter  Translator
Diplomat  Language Consultant  Travel Agent
Editor  Legal Terminologist  Website Designer
ESL Teacher  Librarian
Foreign Services Officer  Market Research Officer

Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: alis.alberta.ca/occinfo

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. Request an assessment via CareerLink

Need help deciding what to do?
Associations provide an opportunity for continued professional development. Many also offer networking opportunities and other events for their members.

- Association of Translators and Interpreters of Alberta: atia.ab.ca
- Association of Translators and Interpreters of Ontario: atio.on.ca
- Canadian Association of Teachers of German: catg.ca/
- Canadian Translators, Terminologists & Interpreters Council: cttic.org
- International Association of Professional Translators and Interpreters: www.iapti.org/
- Modern Languages Association: mla.org
- The American Association of Language Specialists: taals.net
- Translation Agencies Database: translatorscafe.com

**Potential Industries**

Advertising/Marketing  
Airlines, Airports, Cruise ship  
Broadcasting Companies  
Business  
Communications  
Cultural Organizations  
Culture and Recreation  
Education  
Financial Institutions  
Fundraising Firms  
Government Departments  
Immigration  
International Agencies  
Language Schools  
Linguistics  
Market Research Firms  
Media  
Museums and Heritage  
Non-Profits & NGOs  
Oil & Gas  
Policy & Planning  
Post-Secondary  
Public Relations  
Publishing Companies  
Theatre  
Translation & Interpretation  
Travel & Tourism

**Career Services**

*Your Future Starts Here*

- Career Planning
- Job Search Support
- Resume Reviews
- Career Workshops
- Online Job Postings
- Career Fairs
- Networking Events
- Information Sessions & much more!

**Connect with us:**
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CareerLink: ucalgary.ca/careers

**Job Boards**

- Indeed: https://ca.indeed.com/
- Top Language Jobs: toplanguagejobs.co.uk
- Multilingual Vacancies: multilingualvacancies.com
- LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com
- CareerLink: careerlink.ucalgary.ca

**Additional Resources**

Careers for Foreign Language Aficionados & Other Multilingual Types by H. Ned Steeyle
Careers in Foreign Languages by Blythe Camenson
Careers in International Affairs by Lisa Gihring
Great Jobs for Foreign Language Majors by Julie DeGalan

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**Aligned Majors:**
Communication Studies  
History  
International Relations  
Multidisciplinary Programs  
Political Science