When you study Spanish, you are not just learning to speak one of the most common languages in the world. You are discovering new cultures and ways of life that are excitingly different from ours.

**Key Skills & Knowledge**

- **Understand Spanish language:** Comprehensive knowledge of the Spanish language: 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.
- **Organization:** Organize and memorize detailed information; able to meet deadlines.

**Sample Job Titles**

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](alis.alberta.ca/occinfo)

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

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**Need help deciding what to do?**

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**
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: [www.atia.ab.ca](http://www.atia.ab.ca/)
- Canadian Association of Applied Linguistics: [www.aclacaal.org](http://www.aclacaal.org/)
- Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers: [www.casl.t.org](http://www.casl.t.org/)
- Canadian Translators, Terminologists & Interpreters Council: [www.cttic.org](http://www.cttic.org)
- Classical Association of Canada: [caec-scec.ca/wordpress](http://caec-scec.ca/wordpress/)
- International Federation of Translators: [www.fit-if.org](http://www.fit-if.org/)
- Modern Languages Association: [www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org)
- The American Association of Language Specialists: [www.taals.net](http://www.taals.net)
- Translation Agencies Database: [www.translatorscafe.com](http://www.translatorscafe.com)

**Addional Resources**

- Careers in Foreign Languages by Blythe Camenson
- Careers in International Affairs by Lisa Gihring
- Great Jobs for Foreign Language Majors by Julie DeGalan
- Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors by Camenson, Blythe

**Potential Industries**

- Advertising/Marketing Agencies
- Airlines, Airports
- Cruise Ship Lines
- Broadcasting Companies
- Business Communications
- Consulting Firms
- Cultural Organizations
- Culture and Recreation Education
- Financial Institutions
- Fundraising Firms
- Government Departments
- Immigration
- International Agencies
- International Business Language Schools
- Linguistics
- Market Research Firms
- Media (radio, television, magazines, newspapers)
- Museums and Heritage
- Non-Profits & NGOs
- Oil & Gas
- Policy & Planning
- Post-Secondary
- Private Sector
- 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!

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CareerLink: [ucalgary.ca/careers](http://ucalgary.ca/careers)

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Twitter: @HireUCalgary

**Job Boards**

- Indeed: [https://ca.indeed.com/](https://ca.indeed.com/)
- MultilingualVacancies.com: [www.multilingualvacancies.com](http://www.multilingualvacancies.com)
- Eluta.ca: [http://www.eluta.ca](http://www.eluta.ca)

CareerLink: [careerlink.ucalgary.ca](http://careerlink.ucalgary.ca)

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**Student Clubs**

Latin America Students’ Association:
[www.facebook.com/groups/LASA.UofC/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/LASA.UofC/)

**Aligned Majors**

Communications, International Relations, Political Science