Welcome to the Foreign Languages and Literatures Program at Saint Joseph’s University! Students may elect to major or minor in French, German, Italian, Latin or Spanish. In addition, we offer a major in French Studies and minors in Classical Humanities, Latin American Studies, and Linguistics. Students may also take courses in Chinese, Japanese and Russian. Our courses are by nature interdisciplinary, highlighting connections with fields as varied as history, fine arts, philosophy, gender studies, film studies, and the social and natural sciences. Students are thereby encouraged to relate their work in our classrooms to other areas of study. Many of our majors opt to complement their language studies with a double major or a minor in disciplines such as political science, international relations, English, math, psychology, business, or fine arts. Thanks to a program developed in conjunction with the Department of Education, future teachers can obtain certification in secondary education for French, German, Latin and Spanish.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FOREIGN LANGUAGES & LITERATURES MAJOR:**

- Visit the Modern and Classical Languages Department Website: [http://www.sju.edu/int/academics/cas/mcl/](http://www.sju.edu/int/academics/cas/mcl/)
- Visit the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Support Center, located in Barbelin 122
- Contact the Modern and Classical Languages Department to schedule a meeting with a faculty member by calling 610-660-1848
- Speak with current students in the major
- Schedule an appointment with the Career Development Center 610-660-3100

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES & LITERATURES?**

Whatever you put your mind to! You can learn much more at [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org). Following are descriptions of just a few of the careers you might pursue:

**Editor:** Performs variety of editorial duties, such as laying out, indexing, and revising content of written materials, in preparation for final publication.

**Foreign Language and Literature Instructor:** Teaches courses in foreign languages and literature.

**Immigrations and Customs Inspector:** Investigates and inspects persons, common carriers, goods, and merchandise, arriving in or departing from the United States or between states to detect violations of immigration and custom laws and regulations.

**Interpreter/Translator:** Translates or interprets written, oral, or sign language text into another language for others.

**Museum Curator:** Administers affairs of museum and conducts research programs. Directs instructional, research, and public service activities.
HOW CAN I ENGAGE MY INTEREST IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES & LITERATURES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM?

American Association for Applied Linguists
Classics Program Events
German Club
Modern Language Association
Study Abroad/CIP

Exploration in Linguistics Online Journal
French Club
Italian Club
Spanish Club

A CLOSER LOOK AT GRADUATES WITH DEGREES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES & LITERATURES:

As depicted in the chart below, recent graduates have started their careers in a variety of industries, with education being the most popular.

Here is a sampling of positions our graduates have accepted:

Assistant Manager
Cheese Buyer
Community Organizer
Fulbright Scholar

Latin Teacher
Reference Librarian
Secondary Spanish Teacher
Singer

Here is a sampling of additional job titles:

Airline Reservation Agent
Bilingual Officers/Clerks/Tellers
Drug Enforcement Agent
Fundraiser
International Conference Planner
Library Technician
Missionary
National Security Agent
Pharmaceutical Sales Representative
Travel Agent/Tour Organizer
UNESCO Official

Advertising Copywriter
Bilingual Educator
Foreign Service Officer
Importer/Exporter
International Hotel Administrator
Linguist
Museum Technician
Overseas Personnel Specialist
Proofreader
Translator

Banking Correspondent
Customs/Immigration Officer
Foreign Correspondent
Intelligence Specialist/Researcher
Journalist
Media Specialist
Multilingual Port Receptionist
Peace Corps Volunteer
Publishing Specialist
Travel Writer
Organizations that have hired our graduates include:

- Americorps/JVC
- Archdiocese of Philadelphia
- Clear Channel Communications
- Coach, Inc.
- Guilman School
- Hartford Areas Rally Together
- Merion Mercy Academy
- New York Public Library
- School District of Philadelphia
- US Department of State – Fulbright Program
- Whole Foods

Sample work settings that hire Foreign Languages and Literature majors include:

- Advertising Agencies
- Banks or Investment Firms
- Immigration Centers
- Multinational Firms
- Peace Corps
- Social Service Agencies
- United Nations
- Air, Bus, Rail Lines
- Federal Government Agencies
- Import/Export Companies
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Schools, Colleges & Universities
- Translation Services
- Archives/Museums
- Hotels & Resorts
- International Business Organizations
- Publishers
- Shipping/Transportation Companies
- Travel/Tourism Agencies

Some of the graduate schools in which our students have continued their education, in programs including the Arts, Business, Humanities, Education and Law:

- Drexel University Law School
- Georgetown University
- Rowan University
- Saint Joseph's University
- Temple University
- Towson University
- University of Maryland
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Virginia

**FURTHER ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR MAJOR AND CAREER OPTIONS**

The Career Development Center can help you with the process of choosing a major and exploring your career options. For assistance, please call 610-660-3100 to schedule an appointment to meet with a Career Counselor.

**GETTING THE JOB – SAMPLE FOREIGN LANGUAGE RESUME**
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EDUCATION

Saint Joseph’s University
Bachelor of Arts, Major in French

University of Paris
- Studied French Literature and Drama

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Student Union Board, Saint Joseph’s University
President
- Elected President by 3800 undergraduate students.
- Serve as the official representative of the Student Union Board to the University community.
- Provide the campus community with educational and entertaining events.
- Preside over weekly board meetings and prepare annual reports.
- Oversee an annual budget consisting of $150,000.

Vice-President
- Elected Vice-President by 3600 undergraduate students.
- Organized training programs for committee chairpersons on the board.

Publicity Chairperson
- Elected by 3500 undergraduate students.
- Promoted and marketed upcoming events coordinated or sponsored by the Student Union Board.

Student Budget Allocations Committee, Saint Joseph’s University
Committee Member
- Served on the board to allot $300,000 to student organizations and groups for their annual budgets.
- Allocated money weekly to organizations seeking monetary support for programs and events on a weekly basis.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Bistrot La Minette Restaurant
Waiter
- Provided customers with extraordinary service to ensure a pleasant dining experience.
- Completed nightly money reports and oversaw restaurant closing at the end of the day.

Saint Joseph’s University French Studies Department
Department Assistant
- Assisted professors and efficiently managed daily operations.
- Provided students with information about the department and professors.

Hotel Sofitel Philadelphia
Waiter and Front Desk Attendant
- Delivered the highest quality customer service to guests, focused on exceeding expectations.
- Secured room reservations and assisted guests with check-in and check-out procedures.

SKILLS
- Proficiency using Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Photoshop, and Social Media including LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter
- Proficient communication skills in French (written and verbal)