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FOREIGN LANGUAGES & LITERATURES
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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, Portuguese, and Russian. Information on these courses is available on our website. 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.

WHY MAJOR IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES & LITERATURES?

All students pursuing a major or minor in French, German, Italian, Latin, or Spanish complete a required number of courses at the upper-division (2000) level. Yet these curriculum requirements offer students flexibility and choice, and majors and minors participate in shaping their own program of study. Every semester, they may choose from their language program's offerings of upper-division courses and decide how they wish to configure their class schedules. They are encouraged to incorporate their own individual interests and specializations into their class research and creative projects. They also have opportunities to study abroad for a semester through several outstanding SJU affiliated and fully accredited programs in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Latin America.

Our language and literature classroom is an ideal environment for rigorous teaching, informed research, and inspired learning. As such, it vitally reflects the mission of Saint Joseph's University. We search for a greater awareness and understanding of human beings in a variety of cultural settings. By achieving precise and effective communication in the languages of the world, we share a connectedness with peoples of all walks of life and engage with a rich diversity of ideas, cultures, and political, social, and religious systems. We admire the aesthetic and intellectual achievements of these cultures while we also show compassion for their poor and needy. The study of the languages and literatures of the world enables us to better ourselves by becoming more globally aware and culturally sensitive, and it informs the way we think about ourselves as we fulfill our desires and responsibilities in civic and private spheres. We embrace the Ignatian vision of educating "men and women for others" by fostering inclusiveness both inside and outside the classroom. We seek to immerse ourselves in the languages and cultures of our neighbors around the world and at home, welcoming their uniqueness as well as their capacity to enrich our own cultural identity.

We are a faculty of enthusiastic teachers dedicated to helping our students accomplish their goals and realize their utmost human potential. Devoted to the Jesuit vision of *cura personalis*—concern for the individual student—we challenge students to achieve the full development of their individual talents and we foster their intellectual and spiritual growth. Consequently, as teachers and academic advisors we provide our students with personalized attention and sound guidance. No less committed to our research than to our teaching and advising, we are also active scholars, presenting our work in publications and at conferences in the United States and overseas. These scholarly pursuits go

hand-in-hand with teaching, as our research interests and experiences abroad animate our courses. Both in and out of the classroom, our passion for what we do is evident.ⁱ

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FOREIGN LANGUAGES & LITERATURES MAJOR:ⁱ

Department Website: www.sju.edu/academics/cas/foreignlanguages

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

Whatever you put your mind to. 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.

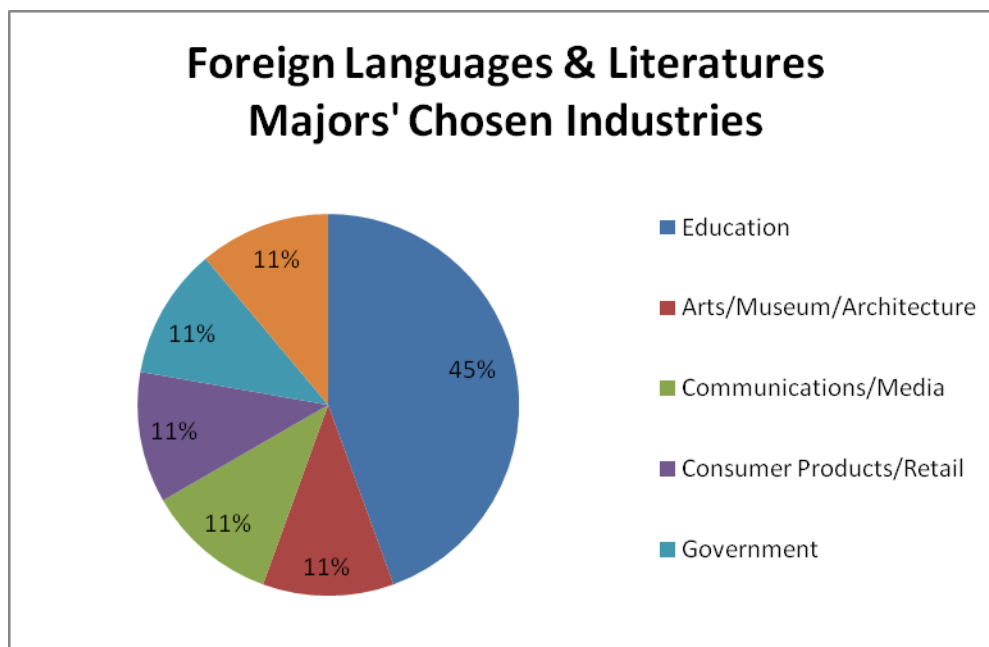
Immigrations and Customs Inspector: Investigates and inspects persons, common carriers, goods, and merchandise, arriving in or departing from the United States or between states to detect violations of immigration and custom laws and regulations.

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 of institution.

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

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
Community Organizer
Fulbright Scholar
Reference Librarian
Secondary Spanish Teacher
Latin Teacher

Organizations that have hired our graduates include:

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

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

Georgetown University
Rowan University
Saint Joseph's University
Temple University
Towson University
University of Maryland
University of Pennsylvania
University of Virginia

Average Starting Salary – Foreign Languages & Literatures Majors – Classes of 2005 – 2010

Graduation Year	# of Respondents	Average Salary	Average Bonus	# of Bonuses
2010	0	N/A	N/A	0
2009	1	\$37,500	N/A	0
2008	1	\$37,500	N/A	0
2007	0	N/A	N/A	0
2006	0	N/A	N/A	0
2005	1	\$32,500	N/A	0

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.

ⁱ All text describing the Foreign Languages and Literatures major adapted from department website: www.sju.edu/academics/cas/foreignlanguages

ⁱⁱ From O*NET (<http://online.onetcenter.org/>)

ⁱⁱⁱ Based on data from Saint Joseph's University Career Development Center's Post-Graduation Survey, 2005 – 2010