

Modern Languages

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MODERN LANGUAGES WITH YEAR ABROAD

MODERN LANGUAGES WITH SECOND-LANGUAGE EDUCATION

MODERN LANGUAGES WITH TWO LANGUAGES OPTION

**MODERN LANGUAGES AND SECOND LANGUAGE EDUCATION
(INTERCULTURAL STREAM)(BA)/CONCURRENT EDUCATION (BED)**

INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS AND SCIENCE



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**Modern Languages
Experience Map**



**University
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Highlights and Skills

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Modern Languages with Year Abroad **H**

Study Spanish, Italian, or German and see the world! Students in this program spend a year abroad, allowing you to perfect the language while being immersed in the culture. Classes in this program are small and intimate. Studying abroad is a transformative experience. You'll become a better you.

MIN. AVG.* 70% ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS ENG4U required.

Modern Languages with Second Language Education **H**

Earn a BA and a certificate in Second Language Education at the same time. Choose to learn German, Italian or Spanish, and learn to teach it, too. You will learn language acquisition methodologies, observe how professionals teach language and get the opportunity to practise teaching. You can even go on exchange. Class sizes are small, so you'll get lots of one-on-one attention.

MIN. AVG.* 70% ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS ENG4U required.

Modern Languages with Two Languages Option **H** **C**

This program is like a buy-one-get-one-free sale on languages. You get to specialize in two languages—Spanish, Italian, or German. Class sizes are small, guaranteeing you lots of one-on-one attention.

You'll get the chance to study abroad, too, if you choose. Being multilingual is a huge asset in whatever career or field you pursue.

MIN. AVG.* 70% ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS ENG4U required.

Modern Languages and Second Language Education (Intercultural Stream) **H** / Concurrent Education

Become fluent in teaching newcomers to Canada with this unique program. You'll take four years (under certain circumstances three) in the modern languages program and two years in education. You'll earn two degrees at once, customizing your program to your interests. You will be eligible to teach JK to Grade 6.

MIN. AVG.* 75% ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS ENG4U required. Admission to first year only.

Interdisciplinary Arts and Science **H**

If high achievement and diverse academic pursuits are in your DNA, this elite program is for you. It's for students who want to develop knowledge and skills in the sciences, arts, humanities and social sciences. Blend your interests – drama with biomedical or biochemistry with music. You can tailor your program to match your interests and career aspirations. Our students go on to do research or graduate degrees in their field. This program

is small by design to give your talents the attention they deserve.

MIN. AVG.* 80% ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS ENG4U, MHF4U, and two from SBI4U, SCH4U, or SPH4U. MCV4U is strongly recommended.

FUNCTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

- Understanding human behaviour, communication, and interaction as shaped by social and cultural contexts
- Communicating effectively and persuasively in a language other than English in speech and/or writing
- Reading and comprehending primary texts, often in foreign languages; conducting original research
- Appreciating the ways in which language subtly shapes expression and affects communication
- Determining and articulating the effects of historical peoples and events on modern cultures and practices
- Understanding significant differences between groups, societies, religions, and cultures; using this knowledge to identify similarities and bridge differences in the workplace and elsewhere

H Honours – 4-year program **C** Combined Honours programs available * Minimum grade point average for admission to program. A higher average may be required.

Build your Skills and Experience

Your UWindsor experience is more than attending classes. It is a combination of academics, co-curricular activities, and extracurricular involvement. By making the most of all three elements of your university experience, you will maximize your opportunities to build your skills, broaden your personal network, and clarify your long term academic and career goals.



CURRICULUM

Courses of study specific to each program



CO-CURRICULAR

Activities and experiences that complement coursework (Outstanding Scholars, peer mentoring, VIP)



EXTRACURRICULAR

Activities falling outside the scope of set curriculum (Part-time job, clubs, volunteering, athletics)

Career Planning Cycle

Intentional career planning will help you prepare for your next step after graduation and beyond. It is a fluid, dynamic, and lifelong process. You can move on or return to an earlier stage in the cycle at any time.



Explore Opportunities Using This Chart

Explore a selection of opportunities recommended for students in your program. This chart shows some of your many options – you don't have to do everything on it or limit yourself to it. Engage in opportunities from each of the three categories to set yourself up for success.

High-Impact Practice (HIP)

A HIP is an enriching educational experience that can be life-changing and often includes learning outside of the classroom while encouraging meaningful interaction and collaboration, such as:

- Co-op, internship or field experiences
- Research with faculty
- Culminating senior experience
- Capstone courses
- Service-learning
- Learning communities
- Study abroad

Academics



Your Coursework




First Year

- Take required common core of courses for all Modern Languages students
- Review degree course requirements
- Choose between Spanish, German, and Italian as your language of choice to study
- Enrol in a variety of language and linguistics courses to determine your core interests
- Meet with an academic advisor such as program coordinator or faculty advisor
- Receive peer mentorship from upper-year students in the language of your choice

Middle Years

- Take required courses and check in with an academic advisor to make sure you are on the right path
- Look into completing a research project in final year 
- Begin taking courses in accordance with **Certificate in Second Language Education**
- Seek out courses that offer field experience 
- Start taking courses required as pre-requisites for graduate/professional school
- Consider declaring a minor and/or specialization




Final Year

- Meet with an academic advisor to go over degree requirements
- Complete all required courses for your degree
- Apply to graduate through **UWinside Student Portal**
- Take a directed reading course to focus your education
- Work with a faculty member on a research project or publication 
- Complete required courses for **Certificate in Second Language Education**



Experience

Ways To Get Involved



- Explore available Language, Literature, and Culture internships or field placements 
- Volunteer with local government or a language training organization
- Investigate research opportunities as part of the **Outstanding Scholars** program 
- Research student exchange opportunities for middle years at one of our foreign language university partnerships 
- Join clubs such as the **UWSA, Classics Club, or Pre-Law Society**
- Participate in the **Bystander Initiative** workshop to gain skills that will help you be an effective and supportive ally to prevent sexual assault on campus
- Consider applying for a co-curricular experience such as **VIP-Community Service Learning**

- Join a professional association in your field such as the **Canadian Languages Association** or **Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers**
- Attend an education or language/culture conference
- Participate in the **UWill Discover** undergraduate research conference 
- Apply for student exchange program 
- Expand your skills by taking on a summer, part-time or volunteer position
- Look for a leadership role in a club or society

- Work as a teaching assistant 
- Shadow a second language educator to learn applicable skills
- Run for a **UWSA** executive position
- Conduct field research with a faculty member 
- Become a tutor for **Students Offering Support (SOS)** 
- Join the **UWindsor Model NATO** or **Model United Nations**

Career

Plan Ahead For What's Next



- Start by making a list of things that you enjoy and areas in which you excel
- Meet with a career advisor in **Career Development and Experiential Learning (CDEL)** for help developing a plan for your future years
- Consider a **Career Exploration Program** appointment to help you identify possible career paths
- Get involved with a part-time job, volunteer opportunity, campus group, or research assistantship
- Attend **CDEL** workshops to learn how to find a summer or part-time job and write a university-level resumé
- Chat with an advisor during **CDEL's Drop In** hours to get answers to your career and job search questions

- Research career fields and occupations with the help of a **CDEL** career advisor
- Explore opportunities and meet potential employers by participating in **Job Shadow Experience**, job fairs, and industry networking events
- Explore further educational opportunities by attending the **Graduate and Professional Schools Fair** and researching admission requirements for programs that interest you
- Create a **LinkedIn** profile and have it critiqued by **CDEL**
- Take part in informational interviews and join online communities like **LinkedIn** and **Ten Thousand Coffees** to connect with people in your targeted profession or industry
- Search job postings to learn what skills, knowledge, and credentials you will need for potential careers

- If you are considering applying to graduate or professional school, be aware of early application deadlines
- Meet with **CDEL** to prepare application documents like a resumé, cover letter, CV, or personal statement for jobs and education programs you are applying to
- Attend **CDEL's** workshops on interview skills and job search strategies
- Set up a mock interview with a career advisor for professional school or job applications
- Take part in recruitment events and job fairs hosted by **CDEL** and other organizations
- Compose a portfolio of relevant academic and work experience
- Explore professional development opportunities through **Continuing Education**

Life After Graduation



Due to the small size of the program, the professors in my department had great relationships with the students and were always there to help when I needed it. I spent my third year living in Spain, studying at the Universidad de Valladolid, and travelling Europe – truly an amazing once-in-a-lifetime experience. While abroad, I also tutored two native Spanish girls in English. Between the tutoring abroad and the teaching practicum I took in my fourth year, I was able to reaffirm that teaching is my career path.

Shaun Collins – BA (Honours) in Modern Languages with Year Abroad Spanish Option

4 Number of Graduates

(2020)

93% Employment Rate of Graduates

Employment rate of graduates 2 years following degree completion (OUGS Humanities, 2019)

Career Tracks*

Administrative assistant
Archivist
Border services
Business advisor
Communications specialist
Curator
Editor

Historical consultant
Human resources manager
Immigration services
Industry instructor
Journalist
Language advisor
Lawyer

Librarian
Marketing manager
Media analyst
Museum director
Professor
Public official
Public policy advisor

Public relations officer
Reporter
Research co-ordinator
Speech pathologist
Teacher
Television/Radio analyst
Translator

**Additional education and/or training required for some of the above careers.*



Common Sectors For Graduates

- **Academia:** Advanced social research
- **Arts and culture**
- **Business:** Research and analysis, human resources
- **Education:** Teaching, language teaching
- **Government:** Multilingual positions
- **Immigration and community integration**
- **Law and law enforcement**
- **Media, marketing, journalism, and publishing**
- **Research agencies:** Public and private

Career-Readiness Competencies



Critical Thinking & Problem Solving



Professionalism & Work Ethic



Teamwork & Collaboration



Communication





Campus Resources

- Research undergraduate scholarships and bursaries through the **Student Awards and Financial Aid Office**
- Visit **Leddy Library** and the **Writing Support Desk** for help with academic assignments
- Check out the **Bounce Back** program designed to improve academic performance as well as decrease feelings of stress and anxiety through both effective learning strategies and life skills acquisition
- Build leadership skills and find leadership opportunities at the **Leadership Hub**
- Get advice and support about your academic status by making an appointment with **Central Academic Advising**
- Seek out assistance with academic accommodation from **Student Accessibility Services**
- Discover ways to get involved on campus through the **Student Success and Leadership Centre**
- Broaden your cultural awareness through the **International Student Centre** and **Student Exchange Office**
- Look into the **Ignite: Work Study** program for on-campus employment
- Get assistance developing your career plan and job search skills from **Career Development and Experiential Learning**
- Develop your entrepreneurial skills and learn how to start your own business at **EPICentre**
- Find support for Indigenous learners and broaden your understanding of Indigenous culture by visiting the **Aboriginal Education Centre - Turtle Island**
- Tend to your health and wellness with support from **Student Health Services**, the **Wellness Outreach Office** and **Lancer Recreation**
- Receive confidential mental health counselling delivered by trained professionals at the **Student Counselling Centre**
- **Prevent.Resist.Support.** Seek personal support or learn more about sexual violence prevention and resistance education through the **Office of Sexual Violence Prevention, Resistance & Support**
- Explore professional development opportunities through **Continuing Education**



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