

MODERN LANGUAGES

# Experience Map



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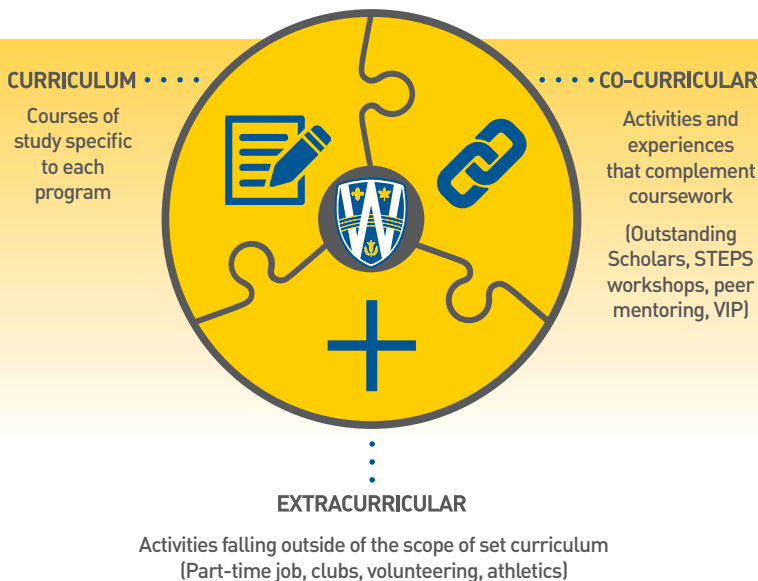
## SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE OF MODERN LANGUAGES GRADUATES

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Modern Languages** – Explore a new language, the process of language acquisition and the culture associated with it. Concentrations offered in German, Italian and Spanish. No prior knowledge of the language is required. Specialize in one language, two languages, or a language combined with a non-language option. Our Year Abroad option is offered to students taking one language. Exchange opportunities in Germany, Italy, Mexico, Chile and Spain.
- **Interdisciplinary Arts and Science** – If you're a highly motivated student who wants knowledge and skills that will familiarize you with the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, this elite program is for you. Design your program to match your interests and career aspirations. From here, consider a master's program, professional school (medicine, optometry, dentistry, occupational therapy, naturopathic medicine, law, MBA, pharmacy), or teaching (with additional studies).

### 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



### 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.

### CAREER PLANNING GUIDE

Intentional career planning will help you prepare for your next step after graduation. It is a fluid, dynamic, and continuous process, meaning you can move on or return to an earlier stage at any time. You can even work through simultaneous cycles, like one for your long-term dream job and another for a summer job.



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## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide is meant to help you explore various opportunities throughout the course of your UWindsor experience. It is intended to help you link academics, co-curricular, extra-curricular and career planning activities by suggesting some of the options available to you. This is to help you see what you can do, rather than what you are required to do!

## Academics



### 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 co-ordinator or faculty advisor
- Receive peer mentorship from upper-year students in the language of your choice

## Experience



- Explore available Language, Literature, and Culture internships or field placements\*
- Apply for a co-curricular experience such as the Volunteer Internship Program (VIP)\*
- 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 such clubs as the UWSA, Classics Club, or Pre-Law Society

## Career



- Create a list of things that you enjoy, areas in which you excel, and your skills
- Meet with Career & Employment Services (CES) to develop a plan for your future years
- Consider taking an interest assessment to help you identify possible career paths
- Attend a CES workshop to learn how to find a summer or part-time job
- Become familiar with the mySuccess online job search tool
- Attend a CES resumé and cover letter workshop to get your resumé critiqued

## Middle Years

- Take required courses and check in with 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 internships and 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 faculty and academic advisor to review degree requirements
- Complete all required courses to fulfill degree audit
- Apply to graduate through MyUWindsor 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
- Take an internship, or practicum course to optimize your senior experience★

- 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★
- Join the debate team to compete locally and internationally
- 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 faculty member★
- Become a tutor for Students Offering Support (SOS)
- Join the UWindsor Model NATO or Model United Nations

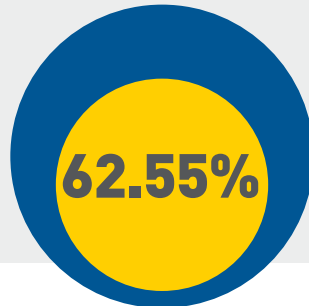
- Research career fields and occupations
- Explore opportunities and meet employers through a job fair or employer information session
- Attend the Graduate and Professional Schools Fair to explore further educational opportunities
- Analyze the requirements for graduate or professional schools
- Make an appointment with Career & Employment Services to explore career options
- Create a LinkedIn profile and have it critiqued
- Take part in informational interviews through such sources as Ten Thousand Coffees

- Consider applying to graduate or professional school. Be aware of early application deadlines
- Meet with Career & Employment Services to prepare such application documents as a resumé, cover letter, CV or personal statement
- Attend an Interview Skills Workshop and Job Search Tips Workshop
- Set up a mock interview for professional school or job applications
- Meet employers at the annual job fair in January
- Compose a portfolio of relevant academic and work experience

★ High-Impact Practice: educational practices that include experiential learning as a basis for student engagement and successful scholarship

## LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

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Percentage of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics graduates from Canadian universities who continue studying after a Bachelor's degree.

(National Graduates Study 2013)



### COMMON INDUSTRIES FOR MODERN LANGUAGES 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 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.

### CAREER-READINESS COMPETENCIES



#### Critical Thinking and Problem Solving: Using strategic and creative thinking to make decisions and evaluate solutions

- Interpreting information to efficiently and constructively support or challenge proposals, theories, ideas, and reports with a project's intended end goal in mind
- Learning, understanding, and interpreting information to apply knowledge to new situations
- Analyzing and interpreting a wide range of data to discuss, support/reject opinions, reports, theories, and proposals



#### Teamwork and Collaboration: Working as a productive member of a group and collaborating with others to achieve set goals

- Leading and interacting with colleagues who reflect different backgrounds, learning styles, and approaches
- Working effectively in groups and engaging in decision making
- Identifying one's ideal role and contributing to the collective through leading, teaching, and motivating others



#### Professionalism and Work Ethic: Demonstrating personal management practices and a high level of integrity and ethical behaviour

- Managing time, data, and resources to meet deadlines
- Seeing issues from a variety of vantage points
- Prioritizing and concentrating on relevant resources when presented with a wealth of sources of information pertaining to your work



#### Communication: Appropriate and effective articulation of ideas and information to a range of audiences

- Conveying information in clear and concise manner
- Communicating effectively in the workplace in multiple languages
- Engaging diverse audiences through a variety of methods





## CAMPUS RESOURCES

- Visit **Leddy Library** and the **Writing Support Desk** on the main floor for help with academic assignments
- Improve study skills through the **Skills To Enhance Personal Success (STEPS)** program
- Discover ways to get involved on campus through the **Student Success and Leadership Centre**
- Explore mentorship opportunities through the **Connecting4Success (C4S)** and **Bounce Back** programs
- Apply to the **Volunteer Internship Program (VIP)** to get involved in the community
- Look into the **Work Study** program for on-campus employment opportunities
- Broaden your cultural awareness through the **International Student Centre** and **Student Exchange Office**
- Get assistance developing your career plan and job search skills from **Career & Employment Services**
- Consult with the **EPICentre** if you are interested in starting your own business
- Seek out assistance with academic accommodation from **Student Accessibility Services**
- Tend to your health and wellness with support from **Student Health Services, Lancer Recreation** and the **Student Counselling Centre**

### Recruitment Office

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### Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures

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### Career and Employment Services

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