

What is a major in World Languages?

The study of world languages prepares students to live and work in an increasingly interdependent world. Knowledge and facility of languages makes it possible to understand the diversity of world cultures and civilizations. In addition to language courses, students are encouraged to take regional/cultural studies courses and include a program of study abroad.

World Languages Offered at Shoreline:

American Sign Language, Chinese, French, Japanese and Spanish.

Where does my path start?

You will complete an Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) at Shoreline.

Use the AA -DTA **Degree Planning Guide** to understand the requirements for graduation.

Once you complete your Shoreline degree, you can transfer to a four-year school to earn a baccalaureate degree in World Language and/or Literature.

World Languages is also an excellent major for graduate study in International Relations, Public Policy, Political Science, Humanities, Social Sciences, Communications, Education, Linguistics, Business and Law.

Where can I go for help?

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Where can I transfer?

Students can transfer to a number of public and private colleges and universities in the U.S., but the Direct Transfer Agreement applies only within Washington. The following colleges in Washington offer a bachelor's degree in World Languages, which may require specific courses for admission. Contact the World Languages department at your chosen four-year school(s) for more information.

[Central Washington University](#)

[Eastern Washington University](#)

[Gonzaga University](#)

[Heritage University](#)

[Pacific Lutheran University](#)

[Seattle Pacific University](#)

[Seattle University](#)

[The Evergreen State College](#)

[University of Puget Sound](#)

[University of Washington – Seattle](#)

[University of Washington – Tacoma](#)

[Walla Walla University](#)

[Washington State University](#)

[Western Washington University](#)

[Whitman College](#)

[Whitworth University](#)

What can I do with a Bachelor's Degree in World Languages?

The study of world languages offers opportunities in multiple career fields in occupations such as: teachers and professors, researchers, interpreters and translators, diplomats, counselors, social workers, administrators, advocates, curators, publicists, legislators, campaign managers, lobbyists, journalists and business leaders.

Potential employers include: Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities, Local, State and Federal Government Agencies, Foreign/Civil Service, Intelligence and Law Enforcement Agencies, Hospitals and Health Care Facilities, Law Firms, Community and Social Service Organizations, Public Advocacy Groups, Non-Profit Organizations, Museums, Libraries, International Business and Industry, Import/Export Companies, Travel and Tourism Agencies, Hotels and Restaurants, Media and Publishing Companies. For more, please visit <https://www.shoreline.edu/counseling-services/career-counseling.aspx>

What courses should I take?*

Below are recommendations for fulfilling the AA-DTA requirements if you are planning to pursue a four-year degree in World Languages.

Strongly Recommended

These are commonly **required** for admission. Check with your chosen four-year program(s) to confirm.

Other Recommendations

These courses are well-matched with this major, but are not commonly required for admission.

I. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Quant. and Symb. Reasoning --

II. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

Humanities	- 100 level course in ASL, Chinese, French, Japanese or Spanish - 200 level Japanese, or Spanish	ARTH 204, 210, 224-226, ENGL 154, &220, &226-&228, 257, 287-289
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Natural Sciences --

Social Sciences	--	EASIA 218, HIST &116-&118, 234-238, 245-247, MCS 210
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III. GENERAL ELECTIVES

100 and 200 level world languages and courses in area/ cultural studies that coincide with world language study

Recommended area & cultural studies courses:
Asian: ARTH 204, 210, ENGL 154, EASIA 218, HIST 245, PE 116/216
European: ARTH 224, 225, ENGL &226-&228, 287-289, HIST &116-&118, 234-238, 245, HUM 111-113
Latin American: ENGL 257, HIST 245
African: HIST 245, 246, MCS 210

What does your chosen four-year school require?

Before choosing classes, become familiar with the four-year program where you want to apply: visit the website, email the department, and/or speak with a Shoreline advisor. Below are examples from Washington schools with different admissions and graduation requirements. Check with the school for world language requirements. (Non-native speakers of English are often exempt from this requirement.)

School	Degrees	Requirements
Central Washington University	B.S. in Foreign Languages	Majors and minors in Chinese, German, Russian, French and Japanese. A 3.0 grade is required in 2nd year language courses.
Seattle University	B.A. in French, German or Spanish	A study abroad experience is required in a country that speaks the chosen language of study. Minors are available in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese and Spanish.
University of Washington - Seattle	B.A. in a variety of Languages and Literature	B.A. Asian Languages and Literature (Chinese, Japanese, Korean and South Asian), Romance Languages (French, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese), Germanics, Classical Studies (Greek and Latin), Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, Slavic Languages and Literature and Scandinavian Studies. Minimum language requirements vary by area of study.
University of Washington - Tacoma	B.A. in Hispanic Studies	Requirements – Placement into 300-level Spanish language. A minor in Hispanic Studies is also available.
Washington State University	B.A. in Foreign Languages and Culture	Majors in Chinese, French, German, Russian and Spanish. WSU encourages students to take area and cultural studies courses and spend a year of study abroad.
Western Washington University	B.A. in French, German, Japanese, and Spanish	WWU also offers courses in Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Latin and Greek. Complete the second year of a language by the junior year to complete a degree in a four year time frame.

**** This unofficial guide is intended to support you as you prepare for your major. Please consult with an advisor and your chosen four-year school(s), as program and admissions requirements vary and may change without notice.**