

# Major Planning Guide: World Language

## What can I do with a degree in world language?

Although a degree in a world language does not lead to any one career, the skills that you learn are excellent preparation for success in many field. Possible career include translator/interpreter, teacher, social service provider, international business person, diplomat, and customer service representative.

## Related Majors/Programs

Ethnic Studies	International Business
Global Studies	Education
Area Studies	Communication
International Relations	Social Work
Anthropology	Political Science

## Where can I earn a bachelor's degree in a world language in Washington?

Many universities offer world language (American Sign Language, Arabic, French, Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish, etc.) as an undergraduate major. You can use the College Navigator search engine found at [http://nces.ed.gov/college\\_navigator](http://nces.ed.gov/college_navigator) to find language programs in Washington state or around the country.

## How do I prepare to major in world language?

Here are a few steps that we recommend you take to make sure that world language is the right choice for you. There are many different types of careers where a major in a world language is beneficial, and it is important to do some research ahead of time to find the one that best fits your goals. An advisor can help you choose the transfer degree, and what courses you should take while you are here at Seattle Central.

### Step One: Research

- Those who are undecided about a major/career can make an appointment with our Career Exploration Center in BE 1102E to take a career assessment test. This assessment can reveal your interests, values, and skills which then match you up with potential careers and programs that prepare you for specific career paths.
- Students planning to study a world language will be expected to be proficient in the language by the time they reach junior status at a university (this means taking at least 1 year of college language before transferring). At that point, most world language students will be studying literature in the target language.
- Students may want to consider studying abroad during their time at Central, and an advisor in our Study Abroad office can help you with this process.
- Many universities offer majors in at least a few world languages, but the languages offered may be very limited. Make sure that the universities you are considering offer a major in the language you intend to study.
- Our Transfer Center in BE 1102F can help find universities you are interested in attending and guide you through the application process.

## Step Two: Pick a Degree

Students planning to major in world language often earn the Associates of Art (AA-DTA) degree. Advisors can help students understand what language courses are necessary for transfer. You may pick up a degree planning worksheet for the AA-DTA ([purple sheet](#)) in BE 1102 lobby.

## Step Three: Make a Long Range Academic Plan

Students planning to major in world language at a university usually take sequential courses in a language, as well as general education requirements, to prepare to transfer.

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English	Language	Other Courses
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL& 101	<input type="checkbox"/> World Language (3 quarters of the same language)	<input type="checkbox"/> Humanities
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL& 102		<input type="checkbox"/> International Studies
		<input type="checkbox"/> American Ethnic Studies
		<input type="checkbox"/> Anthropology
		<input type="checkbox"/> Political Science

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**Please note: this is not a complete list of prerequisites. You should consult with an advisor at Seattle Central to make sure you take the appropriate courses to be prepared to enter the major.**

\*Check prerequisites, admission requirements, and GPA requirements at your intended transfer university early so you can be well-prepared to transfer.

Consider an emphasis to your associate degree before you transfer, such as [Global Studies](#). This can enhance your resume, personal experience and be something you put into your personal statement.

## What are my next steps?

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- Once you have had the chance to explore the career opportunities with a degree in world language you might want to schedule an appointment to meet with an advisor to plan out your course of study. You can make an appointment by stopping by the Advising office in BE 1102D or calling us at 206-934-4068. *(If you are an international student, please stop by International Education Programs in BE 1113).*
- Attend Transfer Fairs and Career & Networking Fairs hosted by our office throughout the year.
- Explore the professional organizations in your area of interest for more information about education and career options.

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