Modern Languages
Career Outlook 2014–2015

Modern Languages Programs Available at Bemidji State University:
Major: Spanish (B.A.)
Minors: Ojibwe, Spanish
Certificate: Ojibwe Language instruction
Department Website: http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/languages_ethnic_studies/

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS:
Language is more than a mode of communication. It is the primary means of understanding a culture, a people, a way of life. Studying a second language gives us a perspective on our own language and culture, and prepares us to be knowledgeable and competent citizens of the world. In addition, those who undertake the study of languages experience the satisfaction and pleasure of learning what language is and how it works. While Americans are traditionally viewed as monolingual, other countries routinely include language study as an essential part of a general education. In a world that is increasingly interconnected and interrelated, the development of a globally educated populace is crucial. Second language learning is a vital part of such an education. Second language study can lead to career positions such as teacher, travel consultant, translator, and international entrepreneur. Languages also constitute an important second skill for many jobs in business, industry, government, and human services, and may be a key to increasing potential for personal growth and advancement.

EMPLOYMENT AREAS:
Modern Language graduates can work in a variety of different areas including the government, education, business, public relations, and community service areas including translators.

PROJECTED DEMAND FOR MODERN LANGUAGE MAJORS IN MINNESOTA:
MnCareers reports that the outlook for interpreters & translators is good. There are about 1,430 interpreters and translators currently employed in Minnesota with a median hourly wage of $19.40 an hour. Most interpreters and translators have the ability to write or speak at least two languages. Certification is available. Increased services needed for deaf and non-English speaking Minnesotans.

PROJECTED DEMAND FOR MODERN LANGUAGE MAJORS NATIONWIDE:
Focus™ reports that employment for a foreign language translator is expected to grow much faster than average through 2022 resulting directly from the broadening of international ties and the large increases in the number of non-English speaking people in the United States. People established in their career as a translator generally earn between $30,320 and $56,580 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR MODERN LANGUAGE GRADUATES:
of the Bemidji State University 2012-2013 Modern Language graduates holding a Spanish B.A, 66.7% obtained related employment within one year of graduation. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, continuing their education or had unknown status.

LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU MODERN LANGUAGE GRADUATES: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)

- Alliance One
  Account Representative
  Eagan, MN
- AmeriCorps
  Americorps NCCC Member
  Charleston, SC
- Area Sales Supervisor/Manager
  The Bon Ton Stores Inc.
  Bemidji, MN
- CH Robinson
  Appointment Scheduler
  Eden Prairie, MN
- Correctional Officer
  Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center
  Bemidji, MN
- Court Interpreter
  Self Employed
  Lake Crystal, MN
- Doherty Employment Group
  Bilingual Staffing Specialist
  St. Cloud, MN
- Minnesota Literacy Council
  AmeriCorps VISTA
  Minneapolis, MN
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU MODERN LANGUAGES GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
University of North Texas, Denton, TX

Note 1: Some of the above job/career titles require advanced degrees or specialized training.

Note 2: Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

Note 3: Personal Competencies: it is also recommended that individuals be competent in a variety of communication methods, and computer skills are a must.

Bibliography:
FOCUS II. Career Dimensions Incorporated, Manchester, NH (2015)

For more information, please contact the Career Services Office in Sattgast 207 or call us at 218-755-2038 or toll free at 800-657-3726.

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http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/services/career/job_search/jobs/