Career Outlook 2020: Modern Languages

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-indigenous-studies](http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/languages-indigenous-studies)

**EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:**
Modern Language graduates can work in a variety of different areas including the government, education, business, public relations, and community service areas including translators. Employment of high school teachers is projected to grow 4 percent from 2018 to 2028, about as fast as the average for all occupations.

“Occupational Outlook Handbook” reports that employment for a foreign language interpreters and translators is expected to grow 19% (much faster than average) through 2028 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 $27,230 and $90,610 per year with the median pay of $49,930.

**PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR MODERN LANGUAGE GRADUATES:**
Of the 3 Bemidji State University 2017-2018 Modern Language graduates holding a Spanish B.A, 66.7% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or continuing their education.

**PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU MODERN LANGUAGE GRADUATES:**
(This list only includes employment within one year of graduation for years 2015-2018)

- Allianz Life
  - Financial Analyst
  - Golden Valley, MN

- CEIP Maestro Canos Sanmartin School
  - Language Assistant
  - Valencia, CA

- Concordia Language Villages
  - Camp Counselor
  - Bemidji, MN

- Deer River School District
  - 5th Grade Teacher
  - Deer River, MN

- Deer River School District
  - Special Education Paraprofessional
  - Deer River, MN

- University of Winnipeg
  - Faculty of Education
  - Winnipeg, ON

**COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE PREVIOUS BSU MODERN LANGUAGE GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:**
- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN

*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.*

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