

# Career Outlook: Modern Languages

## Modern Languages Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

**Major:** Spanish (B.A.)

**Minors:** Ojibwe, Spanish

**Certificate:** Ojibwe Language Instruction

**Department Website:** <https://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 2020 to 2030, 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 24% (much faster than average) through 2030 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 \$29,740 and \$96,480 per year with the median pay of \$52,330.

### **PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR MODERN LANGUAGE GRADUATES:**

Of the 4 Bemidji State University 2019-2020 Modern Language graduates holding a Spanish B.A, two were status unknown, one was available for work but unemployed, and one had unrelated employment and was not seeking related. The one Ojibwe Language Instruction Certificate graduate in 2019-2020 went on to continue their education. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, or were unavailable.

### **PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU MODERN LANGUAGE GRADUATES:\*** (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation for the years 2019-2020)

Beckman Coulter	Validation Scientist	Chaska, MN
Bemidji Area Schools	Forest Ecology Instructor	Bemidji, MN
Evergreen Youth & Family Services	Housing Case Manager	Bemidji, MN
Leech Lake Tribal College	IHSL/Academic Advisor	Cass Lake, MN

### **COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE PREVIOUS BSU MODERN LANGUAGE GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:**

- University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 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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