

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 5 percent from 2021 to 2031, 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 20% (much faster than average) through 2031 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 \$29,360 and \$97,760 per year with the median pay of \$49,110.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR MODERN LANGUAGE GRADUATES:

Of the 3 Bemidji State University 2020-2021 Modern Language graduates holding a Spanish B.A, 100% reported obtaining employment within one year of graduation, and one 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 2019-2021)

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| Beckman Coulter | Validation Scientist | Chaska, MN |
| Bemidji Area Schools | Forest Ecology Instructor | Bemidji, MN |
| Evergreen Youth & Family Services | Housing Case Manager | Bemidji, MN |
| Reading Corps | Reading Tutor | 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:

- 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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For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

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