

Study Abroad Programs

Each summer BMCC offers study abroad programs ranging from two weeks to an entire month in China, France, Italy and Spain, among other countries. These programs are subsidized by BMCC scholarships which cover 60% of the cost. Students may also apply for additional scholarships for the remaining expenses. Study abroad programs count as at least one course toward the Modern Languages major.

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Courses Offered

- Language courses at elementary and intermediate levels in Arabic and all levels in Chinese, French, Italian and Spanish.
- Elementary courses in American Sign Language and Portuguese.
- Courses in French and Francophone literature and culture of all periods, including courses on West Africa and the Francophone Caribbean.
- Courses in Italian literature, culture and cinema, including courses taught in English.
- Courses on the literature, cultures and cinema of Spain and Latin America of all periods, including LGBTQ+, women writers, creative writing and New York Literature in Spanish.
- Courses in Translation and Interpretation and Editing for Translators.



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Modern Languages

**EXCELLENCE IN
MODERN LANGUAGES
INSTRUCTION**

**American Sign Language •
Arabic • Chinese • French •
Italian • Portuguese •
Spanish • Translation and
Interpretation**



Career Options for Modern Languages Major Specializations

French

Specializing in French opens the door to an unsuspected array of professional possibilities, be it in banking, the film industry, the fashion world, travel and hospitality, or the culinary arts. Combine your A.A. in French with any major when pursuing your B.A. at a 4-year college and expand your professional options.

Italian

An associate degree in Italian introduces you to the fabulous world of the arts, cinema, literature and music of Italy—not to mention one of the most beautiful landscapes in the world. This degree gives you an edge in exciting careers in international business, the fashion industry and the culinary arts. To many, speaking Italian and visiting Italy regularly are nothing short of a dream come true!

Spanish

Professional command in Spanish—spoken by over 500 million people worldwide—gives you a definite edge in today's labor market. Adding this credential to your resume will enhance your chances of employment, whether in the private or public sectors. Consider the joy of learning about the rich cultures of Spanish-speaking communities in Latin America, the Caribbean and the United States.

Spanish Translation and Interpretation for the Health, Legal, and Business Professions

Prepare for an in-demand and fast-growing profession, including such career paths as:

- legal interpreter in the court system;
- medical interpreter at hospitals, clinics and private doctors' practices;
- working at translation agencies in need of translators, interpreters, project managers, editors, copyeditors, proofreaders and subtitling specialists;
- full-time translator for government, corporate and international banking;
- cultural consultant for multicultural advertising and marketing agencies as well as for news media.

The Benefits of a Major in Modern Languages

An A.A. degree in Modern Languages gives you a solid foundation coupled with highly valued, transferrable skills, including strong interpersonal communication, critical and analytical thinking and deep knowledge of cultural and social values from different parts of the world. All of this is highly appreciated in both the corporate and non-corporate worlds. These skills prepare you for a successful career in any area, be it business, marketing, international affairs, travel and hospitality, environmental studies and social work as well as fashion, filmmaking or animation.

Once you have a broad foundation in another language and other cultures, you can pursue a B.A. at any college and in any field, turning your language credits from BMCC into a minor in either French, Italian or Spanish and showing that you can offer expertise in both the profession of your choice and another language and culture.

Students who major in Modern Languages at BMCC have successfully transferred to senior CUNY colleges, private institutions and even universities in Europe. Some have pursued graduate degrees, including MAs in Bilingual Education and MBAs in Public Administration. Law schools are particularly interested in students majoring in modern languages because of the “lawyering” skills they have developed, including strong textual analysis skills, strong persuasive skills, the ability to pay close attention to detail and the ability to narrate a story. Sensitivity to cultural-specific issues is also highly coveted.

Expand your career options! Pursue:

- An A.A. degree in Modern Languages
- A Certificate in Translation and Interpretation

Modern Languages Department

Prized for its location in Manhattan's Tribeca neighborhood, BMCC's Modern Languages Department boasts faculty and students from all over the world, reflecting the extraordinary diversity and cultural life of New York City. The Modern Languages Department provides an ideal learning environment for students to broaden their intellectual horizons and develop essential transferrable skills for today's job market.

The Modern Languages Department offers:

- An A.A. degree in Modern Languages with specializations in either French, Italian, Spanish or Spanish-English Translation for the Health, Legal and Business Professions.
- A 15-credit Certificate in Spanish-English Translation and Interpretation for the Health, Legal and Business Professions. Students in all majors can obtain two credentials at once by pursuing their major and our Certificate at the same time.

Students are invited to take modern language courses in Arabic, American Sign Language, Chinese, French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. Our program offers a world of opportunities, including low-cost study abroad programs, access to internships and immersion programs, dynamic student clubs and student literary magazines.

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