HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
academic & career ADVISING CENTER

# Career Guide: World Language and Cultures (WLC)

The Department of **World Languages and Cultures (WLC)** offers programs in Chinese, French, German, and Spanish. The richness and diversity of offerings permit our students to find multilevel academic opportunities under one single department. WLC provides a comprehensive, unifying theme around the study of international languages and cultures. Within this framework, the Department's programs of languages and cultures make possible the acquisition of languages that permit a deeper interaction among national ethnic groups and international cultures.

The Department of World Languages and Cultures firmly believes that students with an international understanding of cultural, ethnic, and racial issues, coupled with second languages competency, will be better equipped to meet the professional challenges of the 21st century.

## Related Job Titles

The following list is not meant to be all inclusive; many other job alternatives and titles may exist. Many of the job titles listed require further education.

- Customs Officer/Inspector
- ESL/EFL Teacher
- Immigration Specialist
- Foreign Service Officer/Diplomat
- Intelligence Specialist
- Foreign Language Teacher
- Intelligence Analyst
- NGO Administrator/Director
- Interpreter/Translator
- Language Specialists
- International Relations Officer
- Journalist/Correspondent
- Travel Agent
- Travel Writer
- Policy Analyst
- Public Relations
- Foreign Exchange Trader
- FBI,CIA,DHS
- Business Consultant
- International Sales
- Community Organizer
- Social Services
- Bilingual Customer Service
- Marketing Specialists
- Community Development
- Human Resources
- Economic Analyst
- Market Researcher/Analyst
- Intercultural Comm. Specialist
- Community Outreach

## Possible Employers

### Private:

Cultural Organizations
Libraries, Museums
NGO's, Non-profits
Newspapers, Online News Outlets
Publishing Firms
Telecommunications, Broadcasting
Multinational Firms
International Banks
Hotels/Resorts/Entertainment
Travel Agencies
Consulting Firms
Political Organizations

### Federal Agencies:

Department of State
U.S. Agency for International Dev.
U.S. Armed Forces
Bureau of International Labor Affairs
FBI, CIA, DHS, Secret Service
AmeriCorps
National Security Council
Peace Corps
U.S. Information Agency
U.S. Department of Commerce
Consumer Protection Agency

### International Government:

United Nations
International Trade Commission
World Trade Organization

### State, County & Local Agencies:

Social Service Agencies
Information/Public Relations Offices
Community Development Departments
Housing Depts. and Commissions
Labor Departments
Office of Education
Public Health
Parks & Recreation
Libraries/Visitor & Convention Centers
Law Enforcement
Human Resources
Offices of Elected Officials
Courts and Legal Departments
Administrative Offices
Community Outreach Programs

A 4-year College Degree is designed to give you the **Top Skills** employers are looking for, According to the **National Association of Colleges and Employers,** those skills and abilities are:

- Effective Communication
- Working in a team structure
- Making decisions/solving problems
- Planning/organizing and prioritizing work
- Obtaining and processing information
- Analyzing quantitative data
- Proficiency with computers and software
- Creating and editing written reports
- Selling and influencing others

## Marketable Skills In Your Major

### Project Development

- Understanding other cultures
- Sensitivity to others
- Flexibility/adaptability
- Clarifying others' thoughts and ideas
- Adapting ideas/Weighing values

### Communication

- Translating ideas/languages
- Speaking to groups
- Explaining other cultures
- Writing clearly and expressing thoughts

### Research

- Perception of word patterns and structures
- Symbol formation
- Analyzing content
- Gathering information
- Summarizing
- Comparing ideas/translations
- Memorizing
- Project development and follow through
- Attention to detail

## Academic and Career Advising Center Services

**Drop-In hours: Monday** – Friday, 10 am – 1 pm : Quick academic and career advice and drop-in resume/cover letter review. Drop-ins are handy for the following types of services:

▪ Job Search Basics ▪ Basic DARS Review ▪ Quick Resume Review ▪ Declaring a Major/Major Change
▪ Adding a Minor ▪ Navigating HSU Handshake ▪ How to Use DARS Degree Planner ▪ Cover Letter Review

**Academic and Career Advisors** (Please call 707-826-3341 or visit Gist Hall 114 to make an appointment)
Our helpful team of academic and career advisors can help you get the most out of your college experience with the following and much more during an individual appointment:

▪ Academic Planning ▪ Full-time Job Search ▪ DARS Questions
▪ 4- Year Plans ▪ Major Change Advising ▪ GE Information
▪ Internship Search ▪ Federal Work Study ▪ Mock Interview
▪ Volunteer Opportunities ▪ Career Assessment ▪ Adding a Second Major
▪ Graduate School Application ▪ How to use DARS Degree Planner ▪Withdrawal or Transfer Advice
▪ Personal Statement

**HSU Handshake** (online job database and more!): Search for campus jobs, internships, summer jobs, community service, work-study, etc. Register for workshops and special events. Go to www.humboldt.edu/acac to register on HSU Handshake or call 707-826-3341 for assistance.

**Events and Workshops** (Contact us for more information!)

- Part-time Job Fair - *August*
- Graduate and Professional School Fair - *September*
- Internship Week - *February*
- Career & Volunteer Expo - *February*
- *Ready, Set, Register!* Semester Bulletin - *Fall/ Spring*
- Educator Fair - *March*
- How to Find Part-Time Jobs Workshop - *March*
- How to Find an Internship Workshop - *On-Going*
- Getting the Most out of Career Expo Workshop - *On-going*
- Research Graduate Schools Workshop - *February*
- Federal Resume & Application Open Labs - *Fall*
- How to Find Internships in Your Home Town Workshop - *Spring*

Looking for professional development opportunities for your on-campus club or organization?
▪ Request a Career Advisor to give a group presentation on subjects like resume development or job search.