

# Studying Languages at the University of Manitoba

A Guide for High School Students



UNIVERSITY  
OF MANITOBA

Faculty of Arts



## LANGUAGES OFFERED

(in alphabetical order):

- Chinese
- Cree
- French
- German
- Greek (Ancient)
- Greek (Modern)
- Hebrew
- Hindi-Urdu
- Icelandic
- Inuktitut
- Italian
- Japanese
- Ojibwe
- Latin
- Polish
- Russian
- Sanskrit
- Spanish
- Ukrainian
- Yiddish

# Advantages of Adding a Language to your Education

Many employers are interested in the skills that students with language majors tend to possess, including:

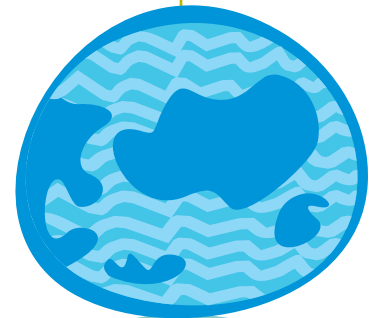
- ability to communicate between cultures
- ability to understand historical language change
- ability to explain complex concepts
- ability to read and write articulately and analytically
- comprehensive knowledge of grammar and vocabulary
- ability to organize and memorize detailed information
- proficiency in phonetics and ability to imitate sounds
- knowledge of other cultures

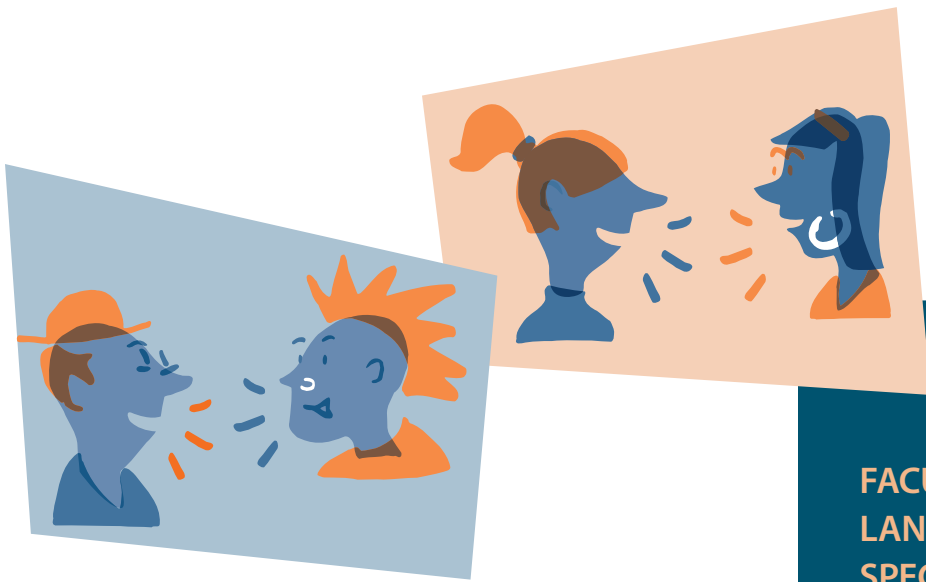
**In today's global market, the career opportunities for students who have acquired skills in one or more foreign languages are virtually limitless.**

In addition to preparing students for careers in primary and secondary teaching or for continued language study at the graduate level, knowledge of world languages and cultures is a strong asset and an increasingly essential skill in the following career fields:

- international business, economics, export/import, finance, marketing, and trade
- journalism
- health care and nursing
- history
- government, foreign service, and international affairs
- teaching, research, translating, and interpreting
- the ministry
- music and art careers
- environmental and non-profit organizations

Knowledge of a modern foreign language combined with a chosen field, gives students a significant competitive edge in the job market. Of equal importance are the many non-commercial benefits one gains by studying a foreign language and the culture, history, and literature of another country. Many students major or minor in a foreign language strictly for the enjoyment of learning about a different culture and language, and for building international friendships





**Beginning in your first year at university you can take language courses for credit.** The University of Manitoba offers credit courses in a total of 20 different second or foreign languages. You can begin with absolute beginners' courses. If you are taking the language in high school, you speak it at home or for any other reason you have some knowledge of the language, you can take more advanced courses.

**Several of the language programs also offer the possibility of summers abroad with courses that are part of the program.** There are also student clubs that organize all kind of activities related to one of the languages and its culture. Movie nights, festivals and other activities are frequent. Also, the Language Centre is a computerized laboratory for the oral practice of the language and has many resources available.

Many different kinds of languages are offered. Some, such as French, Cree, Ojibwe, and Inuktitut, form part of Canada's linguistic heritage. Others, such as Chinese, Spanish, Russian, Japanese, and Hebrew, are spoken in different countries. Still others, such as Ukrainian and Icelandic, are part of Manitoba's own culture heritage. Finally, there are languages such as Latin, classical Greek, and Sanskrit that, although no longer spoken, are important tools for unlocking ancient cultures.

**Although the Faculty of Arts offers language courses, you can also take them if you are a University One student or a student in any other Faculty.** If you decide to study in the Faculty of Arts, a language course may fulfill the requirement for a 6-credit Humanities course. In other Faculties language courses can be part of your optional courses outside the faculty. The language courses are offered by different departments.

## FACULTY OF ARTS UNITS OFFERING LANGUAGE COURSES AND THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGES TAUGHT:

Asian Studies Centre:

**Chinese • Hindi-Urdu • Japanese • Sanskrit**

Department of Classics:

**Latin • Ancient Greek • Modern Greek**

Dept. of French, Spanish, and Italian:

**French • Spanish • Italian**

Dept. of German and Slavic Studies:

**German • Polish • Russian • Ukrainian**

Department of Icelandic:

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Department of Native Studies:

**Cree • Ojibwe • Inuktitut**

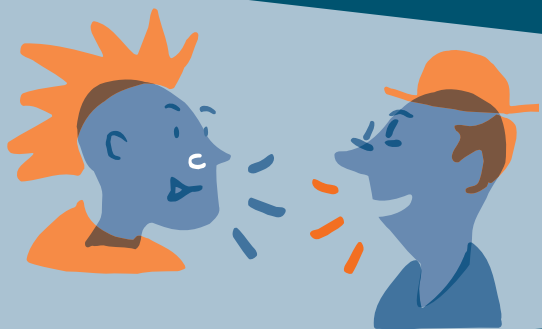
Near Eastern and Judaic Studies:

**Hebrew • Yiddish**



**ENHANCE YOUR  
OCCUPATIONAL  
POSSIBILITIES WITH  
PROFICIENCY IN MORE THAN  
ONE LANGUAGE!**

**A COMBINATION OF A  
FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEGREE,  
AND ANOTHER MAJOR OR  
MINOR, WILL BE VERY USEFUL  
TO MOST STUDENTS.**



**You can start with just one course. If you like, you can later make the language your minor or even your major.**

Advanced majors or honours programs are available for Latin, Ancient Greek, French, Spanish, Italian, German, and Icelandic. Russian and Ukrainian can be taken as general majors. Chinese, Japanese, Hindi-Urdu or Sanskrit courses can be part of an Asian Studies general major. Native Studies has a Native Languages minor. Native language courses can also count towards a Native Studies general or advanced major. Also, in the near future there will be the option of having a citation in your degree if you have taken a minimum number of hours in a given language program.

**Find out how you can add a language to your education and future. For more information contact:**

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