BACHELOR OF ARTS
Languages

Major description
The Languages major consists of courses in both French and Spanish, covering topics such as language, literature and culture, as well as a third language such as German, Japanese, Korean or Mandarin. The language courses are designed to improve skills in reading, composition and oral communication, and foster critical analysis of cultural material and intercultural understanding. The language-learning aspect of the program covers practical skills and daily application of both languages, as well as skills that are transferable to a work environment and an academic setting.

Program highlights
• Complete an Undergraduate Certificate in Communications and Rhetoric to enhance your degree and resume.
• Study abroad for a semester abroad and experience life in a Spanish-speaking or French-speaking environment.
• Obtain a DELE Diploma, an official and international accreditation of a person's degree of proficiency in Spanish.

Your career options
Proficiency or mastery of multiple languages will considerably expand your career options and destinations. Careers include teacher, travel writer, translator/interpreter, hospitality manager, international banking officer, tour operator/guide among many others.
Visit the Languages webpage and scroll down to the “Your Career Options” heading for more employment information.

Getting Started
First-year standing
Explore the Languages program by visiting the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies (FCCS) website or reviewing the Academic Calendar.
Learn more about your major requirements by logging into Degree Navigator or reviewing the First-Year Planning Guides.
Book an appointment with an advisor to discuss program or career-related questions. Find the advisor that is right for you by reviewing advising options available.
Visit the Student Learning Hub throughout your degree for free supports from peers and professionals that include tutoring in math, sciences, languages, and writing.

Moving Through Your Degree
Second-year standing
Declare the Major in Languages on the Student Service Centre (SSC) between June and mid-September after completing 24 credits.
Explore more FCCS undergraduate studies options to find unique courses to fill your elective requirements or to add a Minor.
Meet with an instructor or TA during office hours: ask a question, discuss an assignment, or go over lecture material.
International Students: Contact the Global Engagement Office to review your study status.
Considering further education? Find graduate programs at UBCO and beyond. Research application requirements, admissions information, and funding options.

Looking for support?
UBC Okanagan provides a broad range of support services for students from admission through to graduation. Ranging from help with academics and careers to physical and emotional resources, visit Student Support and Resources for a full list of helpful supports. Some examples are included below:
• Academic & Career Development provides academic and career support for all undergraduate students
• Indigenous Programs & Services provides academic support to self-identified First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students
• International Student Advising supports international students with immigration, employment in Canada, and more
• Faculty Program Coordinators or Subject Area Advisors provide faculty-specific academic support
• Disability Resource Centre assists with disability-related accommodations and programming initiatives to help remove barriers for students with disabilities and ongoing medical conditions
• Counsellors help students examine and explore their behaviors, relationships, feelings, or thoughts that cause concern or challenges
• Financial support is available to help students learn to budget, pay tuition, or apply for awards and scholarships

Moving Through Your Degree
Third-year standing
Explore a topic of interest in depth by participating in Undergraduate Research. Apply for the FCCS Undergraduate Research Award to support your research under the supervision of a FCCS faculty member.
Explore co-op opportunities to strengthen your skills and build your work experience by applying to the Co-operative Education Office. Applications open in September to students with 3rd year standing or higher.
Study abroad by participating in Go Global program such as exchange, faculty-led global seminar, or research abroad.
Receive training and support to help develop career and employment readiness by participating in the Arts Career Apprenticeship Program

Preparing for Graduation and Your Future
Fourth-year + standing
Market yourself to employers by reflecting on your UBCO experience and identifying the skills and knowledge you developed through the activities you participated in. Meet with a Career Development Specialist for help with your resume, cover letter, and job search strategy.
Schedule an appointment with an advisor the term before you plan to graduate to ensure you will meet all academic graduation requirements.
Review graduation eligibility requirements and deadlines before you apply to graduate and learn about convocation.

How to use the Program Plan:
Tuum est! This Program Plan is designed to help shape your UBC experience, challenge yourself to try new things, and become the person and scholar you want to be to help make your time at UBC Okanagan yours. The Program Plan offers suggestions – you don’t have to do it all!
The Program Plan includes four categories:
• Explore the Major: Explore what you’ll be studying and learning. Make connections between your program and future career or education opportunities and goals.
• Connect and Build Community: Making connections will help develop your support network throughout your studies and beyond.
• Develop Skills and Gain Relevant Experience: Expand your capacity to understand the changing world and embrace different perspectives by seeking out new experiences and opportunities.

Legend
Experiential Education opportunities are highlighted with a 🏨 symbol.
Plan ahead! Statements highlighted with a ⏳ symbol must be completed during a specific term(s) or have an associated deadline.
Explore Experiential Education
Participate in hands-on, immersive learning experiences.

Explore high-impact, “learn-by-doing” experiences that take your education beyond the classroom. Whether on- or off-campus, paid or volunteer, participating in directed experiences and focused reflection helps to increase knowledge, develop skills, clarify values, and build your capacity to contribute to your communities.

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Get involved in student life, and have fun by joining a student association or course union to meet peers and participate in events and activities.

Many social and cultural events happen on campus or in the Okanagan. Attend the Global Engagement Office (GEO) events and workshops to increase cultural awareness and grow professionally.

Connect with your community in a meaningful way and help to create social change by participating in the Community Service Learning program.

Learn about UBCO’s commitments to Truth and Reconciliation and Indigenous initiatives.

Explore course options and electives that broaden your own perspectives and worldviews.

Learn about programs and supports available through the Equity & Inclusion Office.