

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

“Oh, the places I have seen, the people I have met, and the opportunities I have had since I decided to study foreign languages!”

- Polina, Foreign Language Major



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Graduates receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in French, German, or Spanish. A minor is also available in the aforementioned languages as well as in Classical Studies. Outside of the majors and minors, courses are offered in Chinese, Japanese, Latin, and Biblical Hebrew. Students are encouraged to pair their major with a major or a minor in another foreign language or in a complementary field, such as Communication, Business, Political Science, English, Sociology, Education, or History.

OPPORTUNITIES & INTERNSHIPS

- Studying abroad has often been described as a life-changing experience in their college careers. Students can spend a summer, a semester, and sometimes an entire year in Europe, Africa, Asia, or Latin America. Generous financial support is offered to both majors and minors. Students can choose to stay with host families or in apartments or residence halls, depending on the program they choose. The Center for International Education works closely with students to ensure they find a program tailored to their needs and that they are well-prepared in all practical aspects for their trip.

- In some instances, foreign language students have chosen to do international internships that align with their career plans. Recent examples include teaching in a Montessori School, assisting with translation in an international marketing firm, and working with non profit organizations both in the United States and abroad.

CAREERS & OUTCOMES

Berea Foreign Languages graduates find employment in a wide variety of occupations and career fields, including:

- Education, teaching at elementary, secondary, and university levels
- International Business
- Government and Diplomacy



WHY IS A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION VALUABLE?

A liberal arts education at Berea College, combined with our work study program, equips students with highly employable skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Beyond offering a degree program, we help our students develop social responsibility and prepare them to successfully navigate diversity, change, and the complex demands of a modern work place.



80

percentage of employers who want colleges to emphasize critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and oral and written communication.

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Berea College's ranking as "Best Liberal Arts College" by Washington Monthly Magazine, 2018.

75

percentage of employers who believe successful college graduates should have both liberal arts training and experience in the field.

90

percentage of Berea students who credit liberal arts and work study for developing their communication, critical thinking, & problem-solving skills.



"People with a liberal arts education are able to think and view the world from several different perspectives . . . This ability to understand and adapt is very valuable in today's workplace."

Edward B. Rust Jr.
Chairman and CEO, State Farm Insurance Companies