The field of language and culture expands our opportunities in an ever-changing global society and market. Obtaining a degree in Spanish increases our chances to provide resources and knowledge through communication and translation, which is vital to maintaining efficiency within a global environment. Increasing mastery of a foreign language is a preferred or minimum qualification for several career opportunities in the United States.

**Skills**

- Active Learning
- Active Listening
- Complex Problem Solving
- Coordination
- Creativity
- Critical Thinking
- Instructing
- Judgment and Decision Making
- Leadership
- Learning Strategies
- Monitoring
- Reading Comprehension
- Service Orientation
- Social Perceptiveness
- Speaking
- Time Management
- Writing

**Making the Most of Your Academic Experience**

**Academics – Tips for Success**
- Take an active role in your academics (getting good grades, attending class, and engaging in classroom discussion)
- Get to know your faculty (make a point to stop by during their office hours)
- Ask good questions
- Use your professional associations to learn more about the field

**Leadership, Internships, and Networking**

Get involved- Be a leader on campus by joining a student organization.
Examples: International Ambassadors; Eye to Eye; Rotaract; Phi Theta Kappa; Student Government Association Campus Activities Board; or Residence Hall Council

Volunteering for education related experiences will enhance your knowledge of the field while giving back to the community.

Talking to people in the field about their experiences allows you to gain perspective about day to day responsibilities and increases your professional network.

Informational Interviewing 101- Resource
lccc.wy.edu/Documents/Services/Career_Center/Informational%20Interviewing%20101.pdf

**Part-time opportunities and internships**

- Work specifically in diverse settings such as, schools, nonprofits, service sector and government agencies.
- Think about the transferable skills that you need to work in the language and culture industry and choose part-time employment that will enable you to gain experience in those areas.
- To search for part-time jobs go to the LCCC Career Center Online Resource Library
lccc.wy.edu/services/careerCenter/Resource-Library.aspx
(Search- Topics: Job Search and Industry Cluster: Arts, Audio/Video Technology and Communication, Education and Training, Hospitality and Tourism, Human Services, Social Science and Humanities or Marketing, Sales and Service) and/or College Central Network or online job posting site.

**Interests**

- Investigative – Interest in problem solving, research and analyzing.
- Social – Interest in helping others grow and develop
- Artistic — Interest in creative activities and self-expression.

**Questions to Consider**

- Do you like to work with people of other cultures?
- Are you interested in working in service-orientated career fields?
- Are you interested in teaching?
- Do you like to learn about other cultures and perspectives?
- Are you interested in studying abroad in a location where Spanish is the native language?
- Do you like to travel?
- Would you like to increase your job opportunities and compensation?
### Sample Occupations
(Certificate (C), Associate (AA), Bachelor (BA), and Beyond)

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### Sample Employers

- SOSi
- State of Wyoming
- Laramie County Schools District 1&2
- Allstate
- Cheyenne Regional Medical Center
- Walmart Distribution Center
- Cheyenne Police Department
- Cheyenne Judicial System
- Bank of America
- H & R Block
- Humana
- Well Fargo
- Lowe’s
- US Bank Corps

### Sample Work Settings

- Airports
- Banks
- Colleges and Universities
- Financial Management
- Government Agencies (local, state, and federal)
- Healthcare
- International Companies
- K-12 Schools
- Non-profit Organizations
- Retail Stores
- Social Work

### Salary
(For more salary information go to onetonline.org)

### Professional Associations
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
- American Council on the Teaching of English as a Foreign Language
- National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators
- National Council on Interpreting in Health Care

### Additional Resources
- LCCC Department Spanish Program
  Website: lccc.wy.edu/programs/spanish/index.aspx
- LCCC Academic Advising: lccc.wy.edu/academics/services/advising/index.aspx
- LCCC Career Center:
  lccc.wy.edu/services/careerCenter/index.aspx

Resources used: O*NET OnLine: onetonline.org and What Can I do with this Major?: http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/
Laramie County Community College; Career Center and School of Arts and Humanities
1400 E College Drive, Cheyenne WY 82007

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