

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURAL STUDIES

MLCS

Modern Languages and Cultural Studies is the study of languages, cultures, texts, and contexts. How do I say "welcome" in Arabic, Italian, or Swedish? How do the arts reflect cultural traditions? How can we better communicate across borders? What does language say about our changing society?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MLCS DEGREE?

I COULD BE A... foreign service officer, translator, journalist, community outreach co-ordinator, project manager, language teacher, researcher.

OR WORK IN... education, foreign service, business, translation, journalism, law, international organizations, tourism, government.

OFFERS COURSES IN...

- 11 languages from American Sign Language to Ukrainian
- Applied linguistics
- Comics
- Fairy tales
- Internet folklore
- Popular music
- Translation
- Video games
- All offer a comparative or global perspective

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR MAJOR

Complete your major requirements and test out different classes. *Design your academic plan — you're in control!*

MLCS MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
Choose between two routes:

- Language Studies, with a focus on French, German, or Spanish
- Cross-Cultural Studies, with a focus on Comparative Literature, Latin American Studies, Scandinavian Studies, or Slavic Studies

Both require 11 to 16 courses at the senior level. Courses selected must include: MLCS 210 and MLCS 410, and at least 6 credits in experiential learning earned locally or abroad.

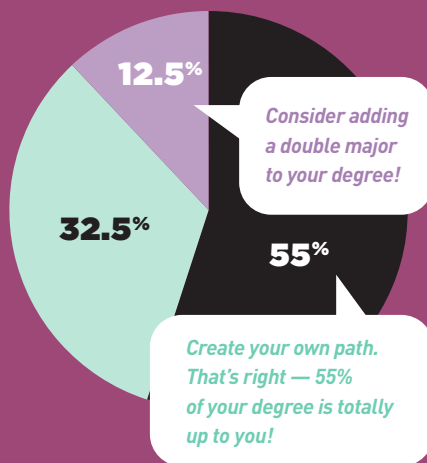
To verify your Major and BA Common Requirements, check the University Calendar and speak to an advisor.

TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY MLCS

- 1 Develop critical thinking in cross-cultural perspectives and hone your oral and written communication skills to become a leader of tomorrow's increasingly multicultural society.
- 2 Practise using your language skills and knowledge of other cultures beyond the classroom by volunteering through Community Service-Learning or participating in an Arts Work Experience internship. Earn credits toward your degree at the same time.
- 3 Create your own path with flexible learning options: study multiple languages and cultures for breadth or take a deep dive into one language or region.
- 4 Our award-winning teachers and small classes offer individual attention and an in-depth learning experience where students discover how language, literature, and cultures are interconnected.
- 5 Study abroad for a rewarding first-hand experience with a foreign language and culture, improved fluency in a new language, and increased skill in communicating across cultures.

BA MLCS (MAJOR)

- Required MLCS Courses (Major)
- BA Basic Requirements
- Second Major, Minor(s), Certificates, Electives



ENHANCE YOUR DEGREE

ADD A CERTIFICATE IN:
MLCS Certificate in Translation Studies, Computer Game Development, European Studies, International Learning, Community Engagement and Service-Learning.

MINOR IN:
Central and East European Studies, Italian Studies, Polish, Russian, Ukrainian, Comparative Literature, and more.

STUDENT SUPPORTS

These are services that enable you to pursue academic and personal success.

- Academic advising
- Student Ombuds
- Indigenous Student supports
- Academic support
- Health & Wellness
- Campus Food Bank
- Libraries
- International Student supports
- Accessibility Resources
- Financial Aid & Awards
- Professional & Career Development
- Mental Health Supports

WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

The University of Alberta respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.

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DEGREE GUIDE

Your University experience is about what happens inside and outside of the classroom. This map is a tool to help you complement your academics with hands-on learning outside of the classroom and take advantage of student activities. Each new step will help you explore your options, take measured risks, and inform your next step. Being informed and engaged leads to a richer journey throughout your degree and beyond!

LEGEND

-  GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
-  GAIN EXPERIENCE
-  SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS
-  NAVIGATE COURSES

EARLY DEGREE

Expand your career options, be proactive, and test possibilities. Join a student group.



Take a language course in your first year and check out International Week on campus.



Take a Community Service-Learning course.



Meet your advisor and plan your degree path.



Test your career options: volunteer on or off campus or apply to Arts Work Experience — it might even count toward your degree.



MID-DEGREE

Take risks, try new things, ask for and offer help to people you know and people you meet.



Add research or creative activities to your degree with the Undergraduate Research Initiative, or apply into BA Honors.



Get involved with your department: Keep informed of visiting speakers and events, or join a language club.

Learn more about Indigenous peoples, perspectives, and worldviews.



Study abroad in a summer program or for a fall or winter semester and get up to 15 credits toward your degree. You might even consider an international internship.



Reflect on what you're learning and practise self-care; seek out a student or faculty mentor.



Start networking: Get involved with one of the cultural clubs on campus or volunteer with University of Alberta International.



LATE DEGREE

Develop and revise your career story based on your values, interests, and what you learn.



Prepare for your next step, such as graduate studies, professional programs, or employment, with a visit to the Career Centre.



Stay on track to graduate: Complete a Program Check on Bear Tracks.



Ask a professor or mentor to be an academic reference.

