What Can I Do With This Ohio State Major?

Bachelor of Arts
Romance Studies
College of Arts and Sciences

A major in Romance Studies is designed for students who seek significant cultural awareness in one country along with an understanding of two other languages and foreign cultures. The languages included are: French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Romanian and Latin. To satisfy the major, students select a primary, a secondary and a tertiary language field, each in a different Romance language or Latin. Their courses will fall into a ‘track’ or disciplinary focus in either language/linguistics or literature/culture depending upon the course offerings in the department of their primary field. All students with a Romance Studies specialization are required to spend at least one summer abroad immersed in a foreign environment. Visit the Foreign Language Center for up-to-date information on how foreign language skills can be put to use in the professional world, and to receive guidance on how to conduct on-line job searches, compose global resumes and develop strategies that relate to rewarding professional careers in the age of globalization.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

Management and Industry
- Business Development Manager
- Program Coordinator
- Museum Curator
- Travel Consultant
- Historian
- Human Resources Director

Communication and Media
- Journalist
- Foreign News Correspondent
- Social Media Coordinator

Law Enforcement
- Central Intelligence Agent
- Police Officer
- Private Investigator/Detective

Education
- Professor
- Foreign Language Teacher
- Research Associate
- Librarian
- Translator/Interpreter
- Study Abroad Coordinator

Non-Profit/Advocacy
- Peace Corp Volunteer
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Social Worker

Government/Politics
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*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

**Transferable Skills:**

- Language Fluency
- Editing
- Expressing Ideas
- Provide/Respond to Feedback
- Speaking Effectively
- Use Technology Effectively
- Written Communication
- Cultural Understanding
- Service Orientation
- Social Perceptiveness
- Teamwork
- Research Skills
- Adaptability/Flexibility
- Attention to Detail
- Judgment & Decision Making
- Administrative Skills
- Prioritizing Tasks
- Multi-tasking
- Analytical/Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving

*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here:* [http://ccss.osu.edu](http://ccss.osu.edu)

**Professional Links:**

- International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language: [http://www.iatefl.org](http://www.iatefl.org)
- Occupational Outlook Handbook: Translators and Interpreters
- Foreign Language Center: [http://flc.osu.edu/undergraduate/careers](http://flc.osu.edu/undergraduate/careers)

[University Exploration](https://frit.osu.edu/undergraduate/major/romance-studies)