

International Letters and Cultures, BA

LASLCBA

The study of diverse languages and cultures, and how they intersect in the past, present and the future, opens the door to a whole new world. As a globally informed citizen, you'll be in demand for a variety of careers and disciplines.

Program description


The BA in international letters and cultures is a degree program grounded in the advanced study of at least one foreign language.

The program is more transcultural and transdisciplinary than a traditional languages and literatures degree program and is designed to encourage students to explore and challenge the traditional boundaries of cultures, texts and disciplines. Students work closely with faculty and advisors to choose a program that combines study and research in a minimum of two cultures or disciplines, or in both.

Students must meet with an advisor in the School of International Letters and Cultures to discuss this degree option. It is not recommended for first-year students.

In addition to the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit [The College's website](#) for more information and requirements.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)
- **Second language requirement:** Yes
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
or any math course that meets the MATH designation
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Global opportunities

Global experience

Studying abroad is the perfect transition from the classroom to real life. As students become scholars in language and multiple cultures and how they intertwine, study abroad programs immerse them in the language of their choice while taking courses on literature, history, sociology and more. Students can gain a deeper insight on how common languages and cultures develop in particular areas of the world by studying abroad.

Career opportunities

Knowledge of multiple languages and intercultural competencies enhance any occupation and offers graduates many career opportunities. Language-intensive careers include:

- foreign correspondent
- foreign media professional
- foreign service officer
- international banking and finance professional
- language, literature or culture teacher
- law and immigration professional
- multilingual administrative professional
- translator and interpreter
- travel professional

Career fields and occupations using languages include:

- advertising, marketing and communications
- airline industry
- film, television and multimedia
- hospitality industry
- hotel and resort management
- international education and study abroad administration
- international law
- military
- publishing
- technology industries

Additional education and certification may be required for some career paths.

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career

***Growth**

***Median salary**

<u>College Program Director</u>	3.5%	\$99,940
<u>Cultural Studies Professor</u>	3.9%	\$80,910
<u>Intelligence Officer</u>	1.5%	\$86,280
<u>Political Analyst</u> ☀	6.6%	\$128,020
<u>Sociologist</u> ☀	4.5%	\$98,590
<u>Translator</u>	4.3%	\$53,640

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).



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