



Language & Intercultural Relations

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Full-time, 4 years

**Ryerson
University**

**Languages,
Literatures & Cultures**
Faculty of Arts



Where inspiration meets impact

About the Program

Acquire the **linguistic, cultural and leadership competencies** needed to enter and thrive in a global market and workforce. Understand and facilitate **communication among and within cultures**. Deepen self-awareness to achieve **intercultural empathy**. Grasp how others see the world. Embrace difference and value diverse worldviews. Understand today's world while preparing for tomorrow. This is just a sampling of the skills you will attain by the end of your degree.

Our unique program in Language and Intercultural Relations aims to enhance your ability to communicate in a linguistically and culturally sensitive manner with diverse groups, and to facilitate communication between groups who have no shared language or cultural background. This is done through observation, analysis and understanding of cultural differences and similarities. You will also learn to **think critically** and **communicate effectively** in **at least two languages**.

While developing the ability to adapt to, understand and appreciate cultural and linguistic diversity, students gain practical skills that open up employment opportunities through one of three concentrations: **Language and Cognition, Translation Studies and Organizational Behaviour**.

Program Highlights

Learning a new language may be the most rewarding thing you will ever do for yourself. It opens the mind, and it opens doors to other worlds too. What is even better is having an opportunity to use your language in a real-world context. As a Language and Intercultural Relations student you will have access to **exchange programs with universities in Spain and France**, that allow students to spend anywhere **from a few weeks to a full semester abroad**.

There are also other opportunities to hone your language skills closer to home. Just ask us how it's done. It's as simple as saying ¡Buen viaje! or Bon voyage!



Program Structure

Students in the Language and Intercultural Relations program have the opportunity to choose a stream (**French** or **Spanish**) and a concentration (**Language and Cognition**, **Translation Studies** or **Organizational Behavior**). Each stream and concentration provide tailored learning to prepare students for the career they wish to pursue.

The curriculum is designed for students who are passionate about **language and cultural diversity**. Upon graduation, students are able to apply a unique skill set that enables them to navigate the global world in which we live.

Typical First Year

Semester 1 - FALL	Semester 2 - WINTER
Academic Writing and Research - SSH 205	Critical Thinking I - SSH 105
Global Models in Intercultural Relations - LIR 100	
In addition to that you must choose 7 Electives (3 in Fall and 4 in Winter) for your first year.	

Careers

Intercultural relations professionals are strategic relationship builders. They work with individuals, corporations, governments and other organizations to help all parties communicate in a way that bridges cultures and lifts barriers of language. The goal is to enable an unimpeded flow of information between parties.

Career Paths include:

- Translator
- HR Consultant
- Speech Therapist

You can also work in the fields of:

- Public Service
- Foreign Affairs & International Development
- Education
- Social Services
- Journalism
- Health Care

How to Apply

Academic Requirements

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent with a minimum of six Grade 12 U or M courses including the following program specific requirements.

Typically, a minimum overall average of 70% establishes eligibility for admission consideration; subject to competition individual programs may require higher pre-requisite grades and/or higher overall averages:

- a minimum grade of 70% or higher will be required in Grade 12 U English/Anglais (ENG4U/EAE4U preferred).

Language and Intercultural Relations welcomes applications from prospective students of all nationalities and gender identities, regardless of age, disability, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

For more information visit:

ryerson.ca/programs/undergraduate/language-intercultural-relations

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In the multicultural city that we're in, in the multicultural university that we are in, students will be able to learn new skills in the classroom and apply them immediately."

- Marco Fiola, Professor, Languages, Literatures and Cultures