“I cannot overstate how the study of foreign language at Belmont has had an impact on my life. I’ve studied abroad in Angers, France, lived overseas for nearly a decade, run a business in Taiwan and done legal internships in Thailand. The study of languages will open doors.”

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“Belmont’s Foreign Language program has been the launching pad for my career in international development. Whether it has been working with the YMCA in Senegal, the Technical University of Dresden in Germany, the Office of Refugee Resettlement in Nashville, Mercy Corps International in Tajikistan, or Christian Children’s Fund and the World Bank in Washington, DC, the foundation for those experiences comes from Belmont’s faculty and the active interest they took in my learning and personal growth.”

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“Studying a foreign language took my life in a whole new direction, preparing me to teach English abroad and to pursue my Master’s degree in Collaborative Piano and to integrate my language skills to become an opera coach.”

ANNE MARIE PADELFORD  
MASTER’S STUDENT IN COLLABORATIVE PIANO  
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“The Department of Foreign Languages and College of Arts and Sciences at Belmont has, without question, gotten me where I am today. I currently work on a U.S. Department of State exchange program, and the experiences afforded to me through the department have directly impacted both my personal and professional development.”

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A major in a foreign language provides students with a skill which will enhance any résumé. Knowledge of a foreign language combined with an understanding of the culture, civilization and literature are marketable attributes. Foreign language majors are used to questioning language and its message. This practiced analysis of language produces students with an excellent background for graduate study in language or in other fields in which attention to language is important. Study of a foreign language works well in conjunction with other majors such as international business, international politics, journalism, public relations, international economics, philosophy, English and education. Our graduates have also completed post-graduate degrees in languages, law and public policy.

As a language major, you will build your language proficiency through courses which focus principally on language. You will then apply those language skills to courses specific to the literature, culture and civilization of the countries where the language is spoken. Your experience will also extend beyond the classroom into service-learning projects, study abroad opportunities and extra-curricular activities.

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