

“I declare my BA Minor in Language and Culture”

Department of Language and Cultures, KPU

1. Fun facts:

- How much more do bilingual employees earn? **Up to 8%**
<https://financialpost.com/personal-finance/business-essentials/bilingual-employees-earn-significantly-more-per-year-heres-how-to-learn-another-language> Sept 7 2020
- Aspire to become Canada’s James Bond? **CSIS** is hiring communications analysts with proficiency in foreign languages including Mandarin and Punjabi
<https://www.canada.ca/en/security-intelligence-service/corporate/csis-jobs/available-jobs/foreign-language-communications-analyst.html>
- How many students have obtained BA Minor in Language and Culture in the last 4 years and what is their background?
34 students (Jan 2016 - Aug 2020). Like you, our graduates majored in *Asian Studies, Creative Writing, Criminology, English, General Studies, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology* etc.

2. Faculty Member Highlights and Recent Achievements:

- How many languages does our Department teach and where did the faculty receive their education?
5 languages are taught by faculty who received their education in **Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, China, Finland, Japan, Mexico and USA**
- What are the latest faculty achievements?
Laurence Gauvreau and Ranbir Johal completed their Ph.D. studies in 2020 and were conferred the doctoral degree. Congratulations, Dr. Gauvreau and Dr. Johal!
- **KPU OPEN** has recognized **Dr. Constanza Rojas-Primus** as an Open Access Faculty Champion. Constanza has collaboratively designed Open Pedagogy assignments as part of her United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Open Ped Fellowship 2020-2021. Congratulations, Constanza!

3. Faculty-Student Collaborations:

- **LANC 1150 student Jessica Rodriguez Damian and Dr. Constanza Rojas-Primus** will be showcasing Open Ped renewable assignment “Digital Storytelling” as part of the United Nations SDG Fellowship at the 2021 AZ Regional OER Conference this February. Congratulations, Jessica and Constanza!

4. Highlight of our First LANC Minor Alumna:



“I have been working as an assistant language teacher in Kyoto with the JET Programme since 2017. I taught at two senior high schools. I am now the prefectural advisor, which means I am the liaison between the Board of Education and the JET participants in Kyoto prefecture. I am also an officer in the Kyoto chapter of the Japan Association for Language Teaching. After my time on JET is over next year (it’s a maximum 5-year program), I hope to teach English at a university here in Kyoto.” By **Chelanna White**

5. Skills and Careers for our Minor:

- Develop strong linguistic, communicative, and cultural competence
- Enhance abstract reasoning, critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Get prepared for employment opportunities in a wide range of fields that benefit from cross-cultural communication and competence:
 - government positions in immigration, border service, international trade and relations, correctional services
 - teaching at elementary and high schools with students of diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds and in the subject areas of languages and social sciences
 - hospitality industry such as hotel and restaurant management, and professional services such as journalists and editors, court and conference interpreters, researchers for NGOs, and information and HR officers.