Modern Languages MAJOR MAP

Possible Programs of Study:

COURSEWORK & MILESTONES (core courses, requirements, electives...)
- 1ST YEAR
  - Complete placement exam and enroll in appropriate course.
  - Familiarize yourself with all requirements for the language major.
  - Begin work on a minor that complements your language studies.

- 2ND YEAR
  - Continue to complete general education requirements.
  - Begin to take intermediate and/or advanced language course.

- 3RD OR FINAL YEAR
  - Plan to study abroad for a semester.
  - Begin to complete advanced-level major requirements.
  - Settle on a minor or second major.

- 4TH OR FINAL YEAR
  - Complete requirements for major.
  - Consider conducting independent research.
  - Complete OPI exam.
  - Finish minor or second major.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE (clubs, jobs, volunteering, research, internships...)

- 1ST YEAR
  - Visit International House (Charlotte)
  - Join language clubs.
  - Start a language-practice group with classmates.
  - Switch your computer and cell phone language to Spanish or French.

- 2ND YEAR
  - Pair with "Global Friends" partner.
  - Tutor in Academic Success Center.
  - Attend Conversation hours in lab.
  - Subscribe to blogs/apps where people speak and study the target language.

- 3RD OR FINAL YEAR
  - SOURCE Presentation.
  - Internship at schools and local businesses.
  - Listen to podcast in the target language.
  - Summer reading lists in the target language.

- 4TH OR FINAL YEAR
  - Work in language lab.
  - Assume leadership positions in language clubs.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION (conferences, student gov't, associations...)

- 1ST YEAR
  - Attend International Events in RH/Charlotte.
  - Alliance Francaise and International House Charlotte.
  - Attend International Festival.

- 2ND YEAR
  - Volunteer at schools, hospitals, community events.
  - Go to Spanish supermarkets or eat out in an authentic restaurant.
  - Make friends with a native speaker.

- 3RD OR FINAL YEAR
  - Translation Volunteering.
  - Participate International Events Charlotte.
  - Meet native speakers at International Events/Festivals.

- 4TH OR FINAL YEAR
  - Plan a cultural event involving Spanish or French.
  - Connect with international businesses & organizations in the area.

GLOBAL THINKING (study abroad, travel, 3rd year exchange...)

- 1ST YEAR
  - Summer (short-term) study abroad.
  - Look for a summer job where you can use your foreign language.

- 2ND YEAR
  - Attend study abroad Info. meeting.
  - Pursue further summer study or work abroad opportunities.
  - Listen to audio books in the target language.

- 3RD OR FINAL YEAR
  - Semester/Year-long study abroad.
  - Watch international TV shows/movies with target language subtitles.

- 4TH OR FINAL YEAR
  - Explore post-graduate work or study abroad.

LIFE AFTER GRADUATION (career or grad school prep)

- 1ST YEAR
  - Explore career paths that will allow you to use your foreign language.
  - Research work opportunities in your field of interest.

- 2ND YEAR
  - Make contact with an alum in your field of interest.
  - Discuss career plans with faculty member/advisor.

- 3RD OR FINAL YEAR
  - Conduct independent research with faculty member.
  - Prepare your resume in the target language.
  - Create a LinkedIn account.

- 4TH OR FINAL YEAR
  - Apply to graduate programs and jobs.
  - Apply to TAPIF (Teaching Assistant Program in France).
  - Take PRAXIS (teacher education).
  - Write job cover letter in target language.

AFTER GRADUATION

CAREERS OF INTEREST
- International Business
- Education
- Social Work
- Criminal Justice
- Translation Education
- Government
- Media
- Diplomacy

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS I MIGHT NEED INCLUDE:
- Translation certificate
- Interpretation certificate
- Graduate school
- Study/work abroad

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