CAREERS USING LANGUAGES ARE VARIED – THERE’S NO GETTING AROUND IT!
Languages can take you down many obvious career pathways, and lots that are less obvious too.

Embrace the diversity of a career in Languages, and have a look at typical roles, employers and trends on Prospects and Target Jobs:
www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do- with-my-degree/modern-languages
www.targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/degree-subjects-your-options/301040-wha
t-what-can-i-do-with-a-modern-languages-degree

Language skills are in demand across all sectors, and may be used in almost any career. There’s no doubt that language skills are enhanced by living abroad; graduates who teach English as a foreign language or find employment abroad can develop their language skills, and improve their long-term career prospects.

Essex graduates are working with languages in a variety of sectors, including: the British Council, Royal Bank of Scotland, Cambridge University Press, Norfolk Constabulary, English in Action and international law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. Discover Modern Languages graduate profiles:
www.essex.ac.uk/langling/careers/graduate_profiles/default.aspx

TRANSLATING
You can establish a translation career by working for an organisation such as the UN and European Commission; however, many translators are self-employed and work on a freelance basis or with translation agencies.

A degree is essential for staff translator posts in European Union institutions, as is a thorough knowledge of at least two official European Union languages in addition to the native language:
www.europa.eu/index_en.htm

If you would like to pursue a freelance career, Essex Startups offer a wide range of support and advice. They are ready to help Essex students and graduates start their own business, and offer 1:1 support and workshops throughout the year:
https://www1.essex.ac.uk/careers/enterprise/default.aspx

INTERPRETING
Find out more about the different types of interpreting on Prospects: www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/interpreter
EU institutions are the largest employer of staff interpreters, with the majority working in the Commission or European Parliament.

ec.europa.eu/stages
European Commission Traineeships Office - traineeships at the Directorate General for Translation, an entry point for graduates wanting to work for the EU
careers.un.org/lbw/home.aspx
Translation careers in the United Nations
www.iti.org.uk
Institute of Translation and Interpreting
www.ciol.org.uk
Chartered Institute of Linguistics
www.est-translationstudies.org
European Society for Translation Studies
www.iaea.org
International Atomic Energy Agency
www.gchq.gov.uk
Government Communications Headquarters
www.mi5.gov.uk/careers/opportunities/languages
The Security Service (MI5)
www.capitatranslationinterpreting.com
Provides various different language services
www.societyofauthors.org
Translator’s association - for literary translators
www.gov.uk/faststream
Civil Service Fast Stream
www.ita.org.uk
Association of Sign Language Interpreters
www.nrpsi.co.uk
National Register of Public Service Interpreters

www.aiic.net
The International Association of Conference Interpreters
www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/86888.htm
Careers with NATO
www.asi.org.uk
Association of Sign Language Interpreters
www.nrpsi.co.uk
National Register of Public Service Interpreters
TEACHING
Teaching is a popular career choice for those with language skills. You may choose to Teach English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), or teach a language to non-native speakers in the UK or internationally.

www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/
Become a teacher in the UK
https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/gap-year/teach-english-abroad
Find out more about TEFL, including ways to teach English online
www.britishcouncil.org/work/jobs
British Council Jobs

GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS
The UK Government’s Department for International Development (DFID) can be ideal for linguists. It offers opportunities to serve in embassies and UK representations abroad. If you do not want to work in the UK, each country may have similar opportunities within their own Government structure.
Many organisations in the UK and around the world are keen to recruit individuals with language skills to support them with their international work. This could be anything from sales to relationship management, procurement to humanitarian and policy work, plus lots more

POPULAR SECTORS INCLUDE
Account Management
Accountancy and Banking
Advertising and Marketing
Business
Commercial and Financial Services
Conference/Exhibition Organising
Information Technology
Information, Heritage and Culture
Insurance
Law
Leisure and Hospitality
Management Consultancy
Media
Personnel and HR
Project Management
Purchasing and Buying
Sales and Marketing
Science
Secretarial Work
Teaching
Technical Services
Tourism
Transport and Distribution
Voluntary Organisations and Charities
Writing

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES VISIT
Prospects
targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/career-planning/435032-using-your-language-skills
Target Jobs
icould.com/watch-career-videos/by-subject
Icould career videos
appointmentsbilingual.co.uk
A.B.L language recruitment specialists
www.multilingualvacancies.com
Multilingual vacancies
www.eurolondon.com
Euro London Appointments
www.toplanguagejobs.co.uk
Top Language Jobs
www.antor.com/members
Association of National Tourist Offices
www.foreignbanks.org.uk
Association of Foreign Banks – non UK banks with an office in the UK
www.bifa.org/home
British International Freight Association – Represents freight forwarding firms
www.ics.org.uk
Chartered Institute of Shipbrokers
www.foreignairlines.co.uk
Foreign Airlines Association
If you have a specific career goal, but want to use languages, check to see if an organisation has international offices or clients – your language skills may be invaluable to the role.

FURTHER STUDY
Want to study abroad, undertake further study with your language skills or specialise in an area of language?
www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/study-abroad
Information about studying abroad
www.essex.ac.uk/essexabroad
Study and work abroad with Essex Abroad