

LANGUAGES

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-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:

www.essex.ac.uk/student/careers/support-with-starting-your-own-business

traineeships.ec.europa.eu/

European Commission Traineeships Office – traineeships at the Directorate General for Translation, a popular 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.capittranslationinterpreting.com/

Provides various different language services

www2.societyofauthors.org/

Translator's association – for literary translators

www.faststream.gov.uk/

Civil Service Fast Stream

www.atc.org.uk/

Association of Translation Companies

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.

aiic.org/

The International Association of Conference Interpreters

www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/86888.htm

Careers with NATO

www.asli.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.

getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/

Become a teacher in the UK

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 Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) provide various options for working with and in embassies abroad. Their main option is the Diplomatic and Development fast stream which provides you with 2 years working for UK and foreign embassies. More information about this scheme can be found here www.faststream.gov.uk/diplomatic-service/index.html

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

www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/teacher-training-and-education

Prospects

targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/career-ideas/what-can-i-do-modern-languages-degree

Target Jobs

icould.com/explore/

icould career videos

www.ablerecruitment.com/

ABL language recruitment specialists

www.multilingualvacancies.com/

Multilingual vacancies

www.euro london.com

Euro London Appointments

www.toplanguagejobs.com/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 UK

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

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