CAREERS USING LANGUAGES ARE VARIED – THERE’S NO GETTING AROUND IT!

There are many obvious career pathways and many less obvious. Embrace the diversity of a career in Languages, have a look at typical roles, employers and trends on Prospects:
www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/modern-languages

Language skills are in demand across all sectors and are used in almost any career. There’s no doubt that language skills are enhanced by living abroad, so graduates who teach English as a foreign language or work in leisure and tourism 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

Commercial organisations are likely to require use of more common languages while the Civil Service and Armed Forces tend to employ full-time translators of less usual languages.

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

INTERPRETING

EU institutions are the largest employer of staff interpreters, with the majority working in the Commission or European Parliament.

www.aiic.net
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
www.nrcpd.org.uk
The National Registers of Communication Professionals working with Deaf and Deafblind People
www.europa.eu/epso/index_en.htm
Careers with the European Union
TEACHING
Please refer to the Careers in Teaching information sheet: you can pick up a printed copy from the Student Development Zone:
www1.essex.ac.uk/careers/planning/careers_leaflets

GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS
The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS), the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and the Department for International Development (DFID) can be ideal for linguists.

BIS is responsible for international trade policy and the promotion of UK trade and commerce throughout the world. The Department offers opportunities to serve in embassies and UK representations abroad.

www.gov.uk/faststream
The Civil Service Fast Stream

OTHER SECTORS FOR LANGUAGE SKILLS
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
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
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
appointmentsbilanguage.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

FURTHER STUDY
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www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/study-abroad
information about studying abroad

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