LANGUAGES

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

ec.europa.eu/stages
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.itl.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’s Communications Headquarters

www.mi5.gov.uk
The Security Service (MI5)

www.capitatranslationinterpreting.com
Provides various different language services

www.societyofauthors.org
Translator’s association - for literary translators

www.essex.ac.uk/see/careerhub
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.ncpdp.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 Employability and Careers Centre:
www.essex.ac.uk/careers/documents/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
ABL 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

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

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