

What can I do with a major in...

Modern Foreign Language

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Language is the system by which humans communicate ideas and feelings. The study of languages, therefore, provides a perspective for understanding the experiences of a particular culture.

Some language majors with a bachelor's degree enter secondary school teaching; others find jobs in travel bureaus, firms involved in foreign trade, and governmental agencies. Graduates who wish to become college instructors or professional linguists need advanced training beyond the bachelor's degree.

The job titles and hiring institutions that follow give an idea of the careers available to modern foreign language majors; however, many other possibilities exist. You should explore all career paths that interest you.

POTENTIAL JOB TITLES

Audio-visual technician	Library director
Business/management trainee	Museum guide/technician
College/university official	Mortgage counselor
Community organization worker	Peace Corps volunteer
Computer programmer	Parole or police officer
Copywriter (advertising)	Political scientist
Customs officer	Public relations analyst
Diplomatic agents	Recruitment personnel
Flight attendant	Research assistant (documents & records)
Foreign correspondent	Research/technical advisor (film)
Foreign service officer	Scientific linguist (philologist, etymologist)
Immigration inspector	Social/welfare worker
Import-export agent	Teacher
Intelligence specialist	Translator
Interpreter	Travel agent
Lawyer	Travel guide
	Writer: business, trade, technical publication

REPRESENTATIVE HIRING INSTITUTIONS

Advertising agencies and departments	Film companies
Air, bus, and rail lines	<i>Government agencies:</i>
Banks and investment firms	Agency for Intl. Development
Business corporations and industries	Department of Commerce

Department of Defense
Department of Justice
Department of State
Immigration Services
Import-export companies
Law enforcement institutions
Libraries
Magazines, newspapers, and periodicals

Museums
Nonprofit organizations (local and abroad)
Professional and technical journals
Public relations firms
Radio/T.V. industry
Social service agencies
Travel & tourism agencies
United Nations

WHERE DO UMW MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE MAJORS GO?

EMPLOYERS/INTERNSHIPS

- Delta Resources, Junior Program Analyst (Business and Spanish)
- American Immigration Lawyers Association, Membership Assistant (Spanish, Geography)
- Georgetown University Medical Center, Administrative Assistant, Memory Disorders Program (Sociology and Spanish)
- ASET International, Commercial Translation Project Manager (Linguistics and Spanish Language)
- Stafford Junction
- Amnesty International USA
- Rappahannock Area Health Dept.
- Spotsylvania Department of Social Services
- Fredericksburg Health Dept.
- Office of Chief Examiner, Fredericksburg Region
- Fredericksburg Area HIV/Area Support Services
- U.S. Department of State, US Consulate Florence, Italy
- Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.
- German American Business Association

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

- American University, Master of Arts in International Development
- Catawba College, M.Ed. Secondary Education

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

1. American Association of Teachers of French:
www.frenchteachers.org
2. American Association of Teachers of German:
www.aatg.org
3. American Association of Teachers of Italian:
www.aati-online.org
4. American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese: www.aatsp.org
5. American Literary Translators Association:
www.utdallas.edu/alta
6. American Association of Language Specialists:
www.taals.net
7. American Translators Association:
www.atanet.org
8. Modern Language Association:
www.mla.org
9. National Association of Judiciary
www.najit.org

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