

# What Can I Do With a Major in Foreign Language?

**Sample Occupations:** The following listings are occupations you can pursue with a Foreign Language Degree. Please note that this list is not exhaustive. There are many careers for which a Foreign Language Degree prepares you. *Note that the occupations that require an advanced degree are also listed.* For help in identifying more information about the occupations listed below, please visit the Career Center at 259 Highsmith Union.

Airline Ticket/Reservation Agent	Foreign Service Officer	Museum Guide/Tour Guide
Anthropologist	Foreign Student Advisor	Museum Technician
Archivist	Hotel Manager	Paralegal
Audio-Video Specialist	Human Resource Manager	Passport Examiner
Border Patrol Agent	Immigration Inspector/Agent	Peace Corps/Visa Worker
Court Interpreter	Import/Export Agent	Personnel Manager
Curator/Archivist	In-Country Representative	Probation Officer
Customer Service Manager	Intelligence Specialist	Public Relations Worker
Customs Inspector	International Radio Broadcaster	Restaurant Manager
Export Manager	International Relations Specialist	Scientific Document Translator
Flight Attendant	International Trade Economist	Social Service Counselor
Foreign Correspondent	Interpreter	Social Service Program Director
Foreign Exchange Director	Investigator	Tour Organizer
Foreign Language Teacher	Librarian	Translator
Foreign News Editor	Linguist	Travel Agent
Foreign News Translator	Manufacturer's Representative	World Trade Manager

## **Sample Work Settings**

Advertising Agencies	Hospitals	Public Relations Firms
Airlines	Hotels, Resorts	Radio/TV Industry
Archives	Immigration Centers	Rail Lines
Art Galleries	Import/Export Companies	Restaurants
Banks and Credit Unions	International Businesses	Schools and Colleges
Brokers	International Nonprofit Organizations	Shipping/Transportation Agencies
Court Systems	Libraries	Social Service Agencies
Customs	Multinational Firms	Translation Services
Foreign Exchange Programs	Museums	Travel/Tourism Agencies
Film Companies	Newspapers, Magazines	United Nations

## **Government Departments**

Agency for International Development	Department of Justice	National Endowment for the Humanities
Central Intelligence Agency	Department of the Navy	Peace Corps
Department of Commerce	Department of State	US Information Agency
Department of the Army	Federal Bureau of Investigation	Vista, Action
Department of Defense	Health and Human Services	Voice of America
	Immigration and Naturalization	

## **Professional Organizations**

American Association of Language Specialists <http://www.taals.net/>  
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages - <http://www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1>  
American Society of Interpreters <http://www.atanet.org/>  
Institute of International Education [www.iie.org/](http://www.iie.org/)  
Modern Language Association of America [www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org)  
National Association for Bilingual Education [www.nabe.org](http://www.nabe.org)  
National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators [www.najit.org/](http://www.najit.org/)  
National Federation of Modern Language Teachers – Association <http://polyglot.lss.wisc.edu/mlj/nfmlta.htm>

## **Internet Resources**

Bilingual Jobs <http://www.twolingos.com/>  
Global Experiences <http://www.globalexperiences.com/>  
Go Abroad [www.GoAbroad.com](http://www.GoAbroad.com)  
Jobs in Japan [www.jobsinjapan.com](http://www.jobsinjapan.com)  
LatPro [www.latpro.com](http://www.latpro.com)  
Top Language Jobs <http://www.toplanguagejobs.co.uk/>  
Margaret Riley Online Career Guide [www.rileyguide.com/mfdikel.html](http://www.rileyguide.com/mfdikel.html)  
OneSmallPlanet.com [www.onesmallplanet.com](http://www.onesmallplanet.com)  
OverseasJobs.com [www.overseasjobs.com](http://www.overseasjobs.com)  
Richard Bolles: What Color is your Parachute? – Job Hunters Bible [www.jobhuntersbible.com](http://www.jobhuntersbible.com)  
Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) [www.tesol.org](http://www.tesol.org)  
Teaching Abroad [www.teaching-abroad.co.uk/](http://www.teaching-abroad.co.uk/)  
TEFL Professional Network <http://tefl.com/>  
The United Nations [www.un.org](http://www.un.org)  
U.S. State Department <http://www.state.gov/>

## **UNC Asheville Career Center Resources for Foreign Language Majors**

### **Career Exploration:**

101 Ways to Find an Overseas Job  
100 Best Careers for the 21st Century  
100 Jobs in Social Change  
50 Best Jobs for your Personality  
Almanac of International Jobs and Careers  
Careers for Culture Lovers & Other Artsy Types  
Careers For Foreign Language Aficionados and Other Multilingual Types  
College Majors and Careers  
Directory of Jobs and Careers Abroad  
Great Jobs Abroad  
Great Jobs For Foreign Language Majors  
International Jobs  
International Jobs Directory  
International Opportunities  
Jobs for People Who Love to Travel  
Liberal Arts Jobs  
Opportunities in Event Planning  
Opportunities in Law Careers  
Teaching English Abroad  
The College Career Bible  
The College Majors Handbook  
Vault Career Guides: Journalism & Information Media, Media & Entertainment, Advertising, Book Publishing, Real and International Careers

### **Job Search Resources:**

Find a Federal Job Fast  
Finding Your Perfect Work  
Job Search Handbook for People with Disabilities  
Job Searching Online For Dummies  
Professional's Job Finder  
Targeting the Job You Want  
Ten Steps to a Federal Job  
The Book of U.S. Government Jobs  
The Top 10 Fears of Job Seekers  
Vault Guides; Schmoozing and Resume, Cover Letters, & Interviewing, and Starting Your Own Business  
Who's Hiring Who?

### **Internship Opportunities:**

Americas Top 100 Internships  
Directory of International Internships  
Internship Handbook  
The National Directory of Internships  
Internship Success  
Internships with America's Top Companies  
Internships: Find the Right Internships for You  
The Best 109 Internships  
The Internship Bible  
Vault Guide to Top Internships