

What Can I Do with a Major in... Modern and Classical Languages

Possible Career Options

(some career areas require advanced education)

Advertising Copywriter
Archivist
Bilingual Secretary
CIA/FBI Agent
Consultant
Copy Editor
Court Interpreter
Cultural Officer
Customer Service Representative
Customs/Immigration Officer
Editor
Escort Interpreter/Guide
Flight Attendant
Foreign Film Dubber
Foreign Language Tutor/Teacher
Foreign News Correspondent
Foreign Service Officer
Foreign Student Advisor
Human Resources Representatives
Immigration Inspector/Agent
Indexer
Intelligence Researcher
International Banker
International Trade Specialist
Interpreter/Translator
Librarian
Library Technician
Missionary
Peace Corps/VISTA Worker
Police Office
Proofreader
Public Health Administrator
Radio/Television Script Writer
Radio/TV Announcer
Restaurant Manager
Social Worker
Teacher, English/Other Language
Teacher, Social Studies
Technical Writer/Communicator
Tour Organizer/Guide
Translation Service Company Owner
Travel Agent
UNESCO Official

Leadership/Management Skills

- Initiating projects or ideas
- Identifying alternative courses of action
- Conceptualizing
- Managing time, energy, and resources effectively
- Identifying the critical issues and making decisions quickly accurately

Communication/Writing Skills

- Comprehending written material
- Speaking effectively to another individual
- Translating written material
- Written linguistic skills in a foreign language
- Verbal linguistic skills in a foreign language
- Expressing one's wants, needs, and opinions without violating the rights of others

Research/Analytical Skills

- Breaking down principles into parts
- Reviewing large amount of material and extracting essence
- Identifying information sources appropriate to special needs or problems
- Analyzing the interrelationships of event and ideas from several perspectives
- Developing new approaches to problems

Artistic/Creative Skills

- Sensitivity of and appreciation of beauty in cultures
- Skill in symbol formation

Other Skills

- Cultural sensitivity

Print and Web Resources

OCS Books

Careers for Foreign Language Aficionados and Other Multilingual Types

Careers in Foreign Languages

Great Jobs for Foreign Language Majors

Opportunities in Foreign Language Careers

Online Career Resources

Occupational Outlook Handbook

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos175.htm (Interpreter)

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos069.htm (Teacher)

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos066.htm (Professor)

Internship Electronic Resources

Local Internships

www.hope.edu/knowhope/internships/index.cgi

Employment Opportunity Electronic Resources

After College

www.aftercollege.com

Idealist and Action Without Borders

www.idealist.org

Language Job Seekers

www.europa-pages.com

Language Jobs

www.languagejobs.org

Translator's Base

www.translatorsbase.com

More resource links are available at the Office of Career Services website:

www.hope.edu/student/career

Professional Associations

American Association for Applied Linguistics

www.aaal.org

American Foreign Service Association

www.afsa.org

American Translators Association

www.atanet.org

International Studies Association

www.isanet.org

Modern Language Association of America

www.mla.org

National Association for Bilingual Education

www.nabe.org

Peace Corps

www.peacecorps.gov

Hope Graduates in the Modern and Classical Languages World

2 nd Grade Teacher.....	The International School of Budapest
Agroforestry Volunteer—West Africa	Peace Corps
Ambassador.....	U.S. Department of State
Associate General Secretary.....	Hong Kong Council of the Church
Associate Professor of Linguistics	College of Wooster
Border Agent.....	U.S. Border Patrol
Chief, Policy Development Branch	United Nations Environmental Program
Consultant.....	Costal Resource Management—Philippines
Correspondent	ABC News
Director of Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives	U.S. Agency for International Development
Director—German, Austrian & Swiss Affairs	U.S. Department of State
Flight Attendant.....	Omni Air International
French Professor	University of Texas
General Pharmacology.....	Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma KG
Head of Public Relations.....	Geneva Centre for Security Policy
Immigration Inspector.....	US Immigration and Naturalization
International Adoption Specialist.....	Bethany Christian Services
International Settlements.....	JP Morgan Chase
Licensing Specialist.....	Microsoft Corporation—Russia
Linguist.....	US Department of Defense
Missions Coordinator.....	North Park University
Municipal & Urban Management Coordinator.....	United Nations’ UN-HABITAT
Pastor/Missionary	Christian Associates International
Peace and Justice Programs	Catholic Relief Services
Petroleum Engineer	American Petrofina, Inc.
Professor.....	International College of Madrid
Senior Manager, Southeast Asia Regional Credit Risk Management.....	DaimlerChrysler Corporation
SIL International (Central Asia)	Linguistic Researcher
Social Worker	City of Edinburgh, Scotland
Spanish Professor	Northern Illinois University
Staff-Operations Specialist.....	State Department—Central American Affairs
Trader	Bank of America—Japan
Translator.....	Micron USA
Translator.....	Sandoz Pharmaceutical
Vice President of Institutional Sales Training.....	Normura Securities – Japan