

# Foreign Language

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The following is a sample of occupational titles and work settings related to Foreign Language.

Keep in mind that career options are not dictated solely by choice of major.

Just as there are many careers open to graduates of any major, there are many paths to careers that do not require a specific degree. Use this information as a beginning guide to exploring options.

## Sample Job Titles:

- Advocate Language Consultant
- Announcer
- Audiologist
- Bilingual Educator
- Broadcaster
- Categorization Analyst
- Clergy
- Civil Service Worker
- Corporate Travel Manager
- Court Interpreter
- Cultural Advisor
- Cultural Anthropologist
- Cultural Tour Guide
- Curator/Archivist
- Customs/Immigration Inspector
- Diplomat
- Diversity Consultant
- Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent
- Editor
- ESL/ESOL Teacher
- Export Manager
- FBI/CIA Agent
- FBI Linguist
- Flight Attendant
- Foreign Correspondent
- Foreign Diplomatic Officer
- Foreign Exchange Trader
- Foreign Language Teacher
- Foreign News Editor
- Foreign News Translator
- Foreign Rights Manager
- Foreign Service Officer
- Forensic Linguist
- Historian
- Hospital Admitting Clerk
- Hotel Information Clerk
- Humanitarian Aid Relief Worker
- Immigration Inspector
- Import-Export Agent
- Intelligence Specialist
- International Booking Officer
- International Broadcast Announcer
- International Buyer
- International Education Administrator
- International Exchange Coordinator
- International Student Advisor
- International Trade Economist
- Interpreter/Translator
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Lexicographer
- Librarian
- Linguist
- Linguist Content Analyst
- Lodging Manager
- Media Specialist
- Missionary
- Museum Technician
- Open Source Officer (CIA)
- Policy Analyst
- Probation Officer
- Program Director, International Students Office
- Proofreader
- Public Health Educator
- Public Relations Manager
- Secondary School Teacher
- Social Service Program Director
- Study Abroad Specialist
- Tour Guide and Escort
- Travel Agent
- Travel Guide
- Travel Writer
- Voice User Interface Designer
- Wholesale/Manufacturing Sales Representative
- World Trade Manager
- Steward/Stewardess
- VISTA/Peace Corps Volunteer

## Possible Professional Settings:

- Advertising Agencies
- Air, Bus, Rail Lines
- Archives
- Art Galleries
- Banks or Investment Firms
- Brokerage Firms
- Colleges/Universities
- Construction Companies
- Consulting Firms
- Film Companies
- Hotels, Resorts
- Immigration Centers
- Import/Export Companies
- International Business Organizations
- Law Firms
- Libraries
- Multinational Firms
- Museums
- Newspapers, Magazines
- Non Profit Organizations
- Professional and Technical Journals
- Publishers
- Public Relations Firms
- Public Service Agencies
- Radio/TV Industry
- Research Departments
- Shipping/Transportation Companies
- Social Service Agencies
- Translation Services
- Travel/Tourism Agencies
- United Nations
- Civil Service
- Department of State
- Foreign Service
- Foreign Trade Industry
- Health Services Agencies

# Resources:

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The following lists are samples of resources available for learning more about majors and careers.

## Websites Related to this Field

- TEFL.net: [www.tefl.net](http://www.tefl.net)
- Federal Jobs Digest: Inbox for Education, Foreign Affairs Jobs: [www.jobsfed.com](http://www.jobsfed.com)
- The Riley Guide: International Job Opportunities: [www.rileyguide.com/internat.html](http://www.rileyguide.com/internat.html)
- Careers in Language: <http://irc.wfu.edu/careersinlanguages>
  - career options, work settings, and educational preparation for those interested in foreign language careers.
- Linguistic Society of America: [www.lsadc.org/info/student-resources.cfm](http://www.lsadc.org/info/student-resources.cfm)
  - resources on “Why Major in Linguistics”, fields of Linguistics, a list of programs, and job listings.
- Omniglot: <http://www.omniglot.com/language/careers.htm>
  - information on careers involving language, shows how linguistics overlaps other fields, and other helpful links.
- Vistawide: <http://www.vistawide.com/careers/>
  - information on why to choose a language major, marketable skills gained, career options, and work settings.

## Professional Associations - Samples

- American Association of Language Specialists: [www.taals.net](http://www.taals.net)
- American Translators Association: [www.atanet.org](http://www.atanet.org)
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages: [www.actfl.org](http://www.actfl.org)
- Council on Foreign Relations: [www.cfr.org](http://www.cfr.org)
- Modern Language Association: [www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org)

## General Career Information

- Washington Occupation Information System: [www.wois.org](http://www.wois.org) Site Key: KTX478
- Occupational Outlook Handbook: [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)
- The Occupational Information Network, (O\*Net): [www.onetcenter.org](http://www.onetcenter.org)

## SPU Resources

- Foreign Languages Department Website: <http://spu.edu/depts/fl/>
- Major & Career Exploration (GS 2001 - 2 credits, offered every quarter)
- Career Counseling: call 206.281.2485 or stop by the Center for Career and Calling on the second floor of the SUB
- Academic Advising: [www.spu.edu/depts/sas](http://www.spu.edu/depts/sas)
- Academic Catalog: [www.spu.edu/academics.aspx](http://www.spu.edu/academics.aspx)
- On Track Degree Planner: <http://spu.edu/academics/on-track-degree-planner/>

\* Websites are current as of September 2011. If any go inactive, please let us know.