

# LANGUAGES AND CULTURE

## **Overview**

Modern Languages is a non-vocational course, which means that it is not geared towards a particular area of work. The skills and knowledge you’ll develop whilst studying will be applicable and transferable to a wide range of roles and sectors, even when the job advert doesn’t specify that a languages degree is required. This guide introduces you to opportunities/sectors popular with students studying this subject.

## **Roles**

Each job title links through to a broad job description, salary and conditions, entry requirements, typical recruiters, and links to further useful information.

* [Academic Researcher](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/academic-researcher)
* [Business Adviser](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/business-adviser)
* [Civil Service Fast Streamer](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/civil-service-fast-streamer)
* [English as a foreign language teacher](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/english-as-a-foreign-language-teacher)
* [Human Resources officer](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/human-resources-officer)
* [International aid/development worker](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/international-aid-development-worker)
* [Interpreter](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/interpreter)
* [Journalist](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/newspaper-journalist)
* [Management Consultant](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/management-consultant)
* [Marketing Executive](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/marketing-executive)
* [Teacher](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/secondary-school-teacher)
* [Tourism Officer](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/tourism-officer)
* [Translator](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/translator)

You can view additional job roles by using the [Prospects](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/modern-languages) and [Indeed.com](https://uk.indeed.com/career-advice/finding-a-job/jobs-with-languages-degree) websites.

## **Building Experience**

* Build work experience for example through [Campus Jobs](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Campus-Jobs) or [securing an internship](https://www.ratemyplacement.co.uk/)
* Find volunteering opportunities such as [Reading Voluntary Action](http://rva.org.uk/) and [Reading Students' Union](https://readingsu.co.uk/student-opportunities/volunteering-and-fundraising)
* Apply for a paid research internship [UROP](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Careers/Gaining-experience/UROP) (penultimate year students only)
* Apply for the [Reading Internship Scheme](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Careers/Gaining-experience/RIS) – these are paid summer opportunities with local employers which are exclusive to UoR students. These opportunities, and many others are advertised on [My Jobs Online](https://reading.targetconnect.net/home.html)
* Get a [Thrive mentor](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Careers/Advice-and-development/Mentoring/THRIVE) and build a relationship with a professional (penultimate year students only)
* Get involved in a society: look at the full list of [societies](https://readingsu.co.uk/student-opportunities/societies) for one aligned to your interests
* If you are thinking about teaching as a possible career, you could consider volunteering for the University’s [Students in Schools](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Opportunities/Volunteering/Students-in-Schools) scheme.

## **Finding Opportunities**

**Translation, Interpreting and Working Abroad**

[Europe Language Jobs](https://www.europelanguagejobs.com/) | [European Commission](https://ec.europa.eu/info/jobs-european-commission/working-eu/interpreters-recruitment-european-commission_en) | [EU Careers](https://epso.europa.eu/home_en) | [Top Language Jobs](https://en-gb.toplanguagejobs.com/) | [My Language Supplier](https://www.mylanguagesupplier.com/) | [Euro London](https://www.eurolondon.com/) | [Language Matters](https://www.languagematters.co.uk/) | [Multilingual Vacancies](https://www.multilingualvacancies.com/jobs) | [Prestige](https://www.prestigenetwork.com/careers/)

**Working Abroad Advice**

[Prospects](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/working-abroad) | [TargetJobs](https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/working-abroad) | [British Council](https://www.britishcouncil.org/study-work-abroad) | [JET](https://www.jet-uk.org/about-jet.html) | [GoinGlobal](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Careers/International/GoinGlobal)

**Education**

[Get Into Teaching](https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/) | [Department for Education](https://www.gov.uk/find-postgraduate-teacher-training-courses) | [Routes into Teaching](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/teacher-training-and-education/routes-into-teaching) | [PGCE](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/teacher-training-and-education/pgce) | [TEFL](https://www.tefl.org/en/)

**Business and Consulting**

[Personnel Today](https://www.personneltoday.com/) | [Accenture](https://www.accenture.com/gb-en/careers/graduate-home) | [Deloitte](https://www2.deloitte.com/uk/en/pages/careers/articles/graduate-opportunities.html) | [EY](https://ukcareers.ey.com/students/programmes/graduate-programmes) | [KPMG](https://www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/graduates/graduate-programmes) | [PwC](https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/early-careers.html) | [Language Business](http://www.languagebusiness.co.uk/) | [Business Analyst](https://www.businessanalystjobs.co.uk/) | [GORS](http://www.operational-research.gov.uk/recruitment) | [People Management](https://www.peoplemanagement.co.uk/) | [JobsGoPublic](https://www.jobsgopublic.com/)

**Charity**

[Charity Choice](https://www.charitychoice.co.uk/) | [Charity Job](https://www.charityjob.co.uk/) | [Third Sector Jobs](https://www.thirdsector.co.uk/)

**Law**

[Law Careers](https://www.lawcareers.net/) | [All About Law](https://www.allaboutlaw.co.uk/law-courses/gdl) | [The Lawyer Portal](https://www.thelawyerportal.com/)

**Marketing**

[Simply Marketing Jobs](https://www.simplymarketingjobs.co.uk/) | [Campaign](https://www.campaignlive.co.uk/)

**Public Sector**

[Civil Service Jobs](http://www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk/csr/index.cgi) | [Local Government Jobs](https://www.lgjobs.com/) | [Intelligence Services](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/law-enforcement-and-security/intelligence-services-careers-for-graduates)

**Further Study/Research**

[University of Reading](https://www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/study/postgraduate-study.aspx) | [Find a Masters](https://www.findamasters.com/) | [Find a PhD](https://www.findaphd.com/)

**Graduate Jobs**

[prospects](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/).ac.uk | [targetjobs](https://targetjobs.co.uk/).co.uk | [milkround](https://www.milkround.com/).com | [ratemyplacement](https://www.ratemyplacement.co.uk/).co.uk | [gradcracker](https://www.gradcracker.com/search/civil-building/environment-and-sustainability-jobs).com

## **Exploring Further**

There are many professional bodies associated with these areas which can provide useful information for example, the [Chartered Institute of Linguists](https://www.ciol.org.uk/), the [Institute of Translation and Interpreting](https://www.iti.org.uk/), The [Association of Translation Companies](https://www.atc.org.uk/) and the [Association for Language Learning](https://www.all-languages.org.uk/).

The skills and knowledge you’ve developed in your degree will be valuable in a wide range of roles and sectors. If you’re thinking of looking further afield but aren’t sure where to start, why not [book an appointment](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Careers/Advice-and-development/MyJobsOnline) with one of our Careers Consultants? Remember, graduates can use the Careers Centre for up to two years after they graduate.

Explore our [Careers Blog](https://blogs.reading.ac.uk/careers/) for more industry guidance and useful careers advice!