

# LANGUAGES & 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

Here are some examples of 'typical' jobs that are pursued by those studying a Modern Languages degree. The following profiles are available on Prospects ([www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)).

- [Business Adviser](#)
- [Civil Service Fast Streamer](#)
- [English as a foreign language teacher](#)
- [Human Resources officer](#)
- [International aid/development worker](#)
- [Interpreter](#)
- [Journalist](#)
- [Management Consultant](#)
- [Marketing Executive](#)
- [Teacher](#)
- [Tourism Officer](#)
- [Translator](#)

You can view additional job roles by using the [Prospects](#) and [All About Careers](#) websites.

## Building Experience

As Modern Languages is a non-vocational course, the skills that you are able to develop outside of your degree are also vital when thinking about your future. During your time at university, you should consider taking part in some of the following opportunities, which will help to boost your future career prospects:

- Complete an [academic placement](#) in a module as part of your degree
- Prepare for your Year Abroad – what will you do? What are you interested in?
- [Secure an internship](#)/work experience in a sector that interests you – e.g. business, education etc.
- Interested in teaching or using your language skills? Volunteer through [Students in Schools](#)
- Apply for a paid research internship on campus through [UROP](#) (penultimate year students only)
- Apply for the [Reading Internship Scheme](#) – paid summer opportunities with local employers
- Get a [Thrive mentor](#) and build a relationship with a professional (penultimate year students only)
- Volunteer with a local organisation – find opportunities through [RUSU](#) or [Reading Voluntary Action](#)
- Take on a position of responsibility – e.g. [course rep](#), committee position of [sports club or society](#)
- Want to be more entrepreneurial? Visit the [Henley Centre for Entrepreneurship!](#)
- And, of course, [complete the RED Award](#) with these extra-curricular activities that you will complete!

## Finding Opportunities

Here are some starting points for popular sectors relating your degree where you can begin your job search:

### Translation, Interpreting and Working Abroad

- [Association of Translation Companies](#) | [Institution of Translation and Interpreting](#)
- [Europe Language Jobs](#) | [European Commission](#) | [EU Careers](#) | [Top Language Jobs](#)
- [Capita](#) | [Euro London](#) | [Language Matters](#) | [Multilingual Vacancies](#) | [Prestige](#)
- Working Abroad advice: [Prospects](#) | [TargetJobs](#) | [British Council](#) | [JET](#) | [GoinGlobal](#)

### Education

- [Get Into Teaching](#) | [Department for Education](#)
- [Routes into Teaching](#) | [PGCE](#) | [TEFL](#)

### Business and Consulting

- [Personnel Today](#) | [Top Consultant](#)
- [Accenture](#) | [Deloitte](#) | [EY](#) | [KPMG](#) | [PwC](#)
- [Language Business](#) | [Business Analyst](#) | [GORS](#) | [People Management](#) | [JobsGoPublic](#)

## Exploring Further

The skills and knowledge you'll develop in your degree will be valuable in a wide range of roles and sectors. Over 85% of graduate recruiters will recruit students from any discipline, so it is useful to also consider alternative routes. Here are some links to further information about available opportunities:

### Charity

- [Charity Choice](#) | [Charity Job](#) | [Third Sector Jobs](#)

### Law

- [Law Careers](#) | [All About Law](#) | [The Lawyer Portal](#)

### Marketing

- [Simply Marketing Jobs](#) | [Campaign](#) | [MAD jobs](#)

### Public Sector

- [Civil Service Jobs](#) | [Local Government Jobs](#) | [Intelligence Services](#)

### General

- [Prospects](#) | [Targets Jobs](#) | [Milkround](#) | [Rate My Placement](#)

### Graduate Schemes

- [Cargill](#) | [Civil Service](#) | [Charity Works](#) | [Goodyear Dunlop](#) | [Kraft](#) | [Teach First](#) |

### Further Study

- [University of Reading](#) | [Find a Masters](#) | [Find a PhD](#)

If you still have some questions or you aren't sure where to start, why not [book an appointment](#) with one of our Careers Consultants? You can also visit [our website](#) and attend our Careers Events and Fairs.

