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Foreign Languages

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Resources for Career
Guidance and Exploration

Major Specific Career Resources:

- **Top Language Jobs:** www.toplanguagejobs.co.uk
- **Bilingual Career:** www.bilingualcareer.com
- **Partnership for Public Service:** www.ourpublicservice.org
- **Overseas Jobs:** www.overseasjobs.com
- **International Jobs Center:** www.internationaljobs.org
- **American Translators Association:** www.atanet.org
- **Inter Action:** www.interaction.org
- **USAJOBS Opportunities for Linguists:** www.usajobs.gov/EI/linguists.asp
- **Modern Language Association:** www.mla.org

All-Purpose Career Resources:

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Relevant Student Organizations:

Russian Club: www.rso.wmich.edu/russianclub

Japan Club: wmujc.wordpress.com/

**Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese
Clubs & Conversation Groups:**
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Linking Majors to Occupations

Employers of Language Majors Include:

- Schools, Colleges and Universities
- Airlines
- Museums
- Hotels
- Media
- Travel/Tourism Agencies
- International Exchange Programs
- Business and Banks
- State and Federal Government
(e.g. Department of State, Defense, Homeland Security, Commerce, Agency for International Development)

Major Skills:

- Understanding, Speaking, and Writing
Another Language
- Understanding Cultural Diversity
- Adapting to Other Cultures
- Communicating Between Cultures
- Reading Critically
- Comparing Translations and
Interpretations
- Explaining Complex Concepts

Sample Job Titles:

Bilingual Teacher
Civil Service Employee
Cultural Officer
Customs/Immigration Officer
Diplomat
Equal Employment
Opportunity Specialist
Filmmaker
Foreign Correspondent
Foreign Affairs Negotiator
Foreign Affairs Specialist
Foreign Service Officer
Foreign Social Worker
Guide
Importer/Exporter
Intelligence Researcher
Intelligence Specialist
International Banking Staff
Interpreter/Translator
Journalist
Language Teacher
Language Specialist
Linguist
Missionary
Museum Curator
National Security Agent
Negotiator
Overseas Personnel Manager
Speech Pathologist
TESO/ESL Teacher
Travel Specialist

For Further Information:

- O*NET Dictionary of Occupational Titles: <http://online.onetcenter.org/>
- Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/oco