

**Careers and Employability Service  
Additional resources and  
information for  
Modern Languages**

## Welcome:

We have developed this recourse pack to help you research specific job sectors which may be of particular interest to students of Modern Languages.

- [Prospects.ac.uk](#) - Options with Modern Languages

The Prospects site includes information and advice covering: Your skills, job options, career areas, further study, what next, case studies, contacts and job search sites.

- [TargetJobs](#) – What can I do with my Modern Languages Degree?

The Prospects and TargetJobs sites include information and advice covering: Your skills, job options, career areas, further study, what next, case studies, contacts and job search sites.

- [The Guardian](#) – Modern Languages & Linguists

Subject profile pages and articles focused on current affairs providing insight in to a range of related career options.

## SKILLS:

Many employers value the skills acquired from a degree in Modern Languages in addition to the obvious benefit of being a multilingual graduate with an impressive portfolio of cultural knowledge, transferable skills and placement experience. The programme is widely accepted as a rigorous academic discipline and the year abroad is a unique experience helping to build networks, confidence and clarity in communication. Within your degree you will develop:

- Critical reasoning and analytical skills, the ability to solve problems and think creatively.
- Intellectual competency and the ability to think flexibly.
- Independence and resilience.
- The ability to construct an argument by identifying appropriate evidence and communicating the findings in a clear and structured format, in writing and vocally.

- Negotiation and questioning skills, as well as the ability to summarise coherently.
- Self-motivation and the ability to work independently, applying good time management and prioritisation.
- The ability to take an objective and open-minded approach to problem-solving, when faced with arguments and hypotheses.
- A knowledge of social reactions and relations i.e. how factors influence groups and individuals.

## The Year Abroad:

You may teach English in a school, study at a partner university or undertake a work placement. Prior to departure the experience develops your planning and organisation abilities during the second year of studies as you project manage your departure from the University. Once on the programme you will be exposed to opportunities to develop leadership, teamwork and critical thinking as you negotiate, problem solve and develop confidence. Many alumni comment that the experience was a determining factor in developing as an individual and helped them to secure their first and subsequent jobs.

While preparing for your year abroad you may want to review the following resources:

- **Prospects - Working Abroad** – country profiles inclusive of links to various regional jobs boards and internship opportunities.
- **Foreign & Commonwealth Office** – The FCO are committed to knowing everything that is going on around the world and passing this information on to travellers:
  - **Passports, Travel and Life Abroad** – Passport, Visa and Travel advice
  - **Foreign Travel Advice** – A-to-Z country profiles
  - **Foreign Travel Checklist** – Top tips before and during travel

## Finding Job Vacancies:

As a graduate from Modern Languages you can go into a wide range of occupations, some open to all graduates, and some particularly relevant and specialist to your degree including those in interpretation, translation, teaching and European Union agencies. Information and advice about how to

find out about employment opportunities can be found on our [Take Action](#) pages and on the [Prospects](#) website.

When applying for vacancies you may need support in constructing a CV, filling out an Application Form, drafting a Cover Letter or preparing for Interview. We offer support on all of these areas via our [Job Application Resources](#) webpages.

## **Jobs and Internships Related to Modern Languages:**

The information below can be used to find job vacancies that are related to your programme, and/or to build understanding of relevant roles. Often graduates from Modern Languages who wish to enter the a career directly related to the degree programme take on the challenge of further study e.g. MA Translational Studies or MA Interpreting and Translation to specialise further in a field. Others pursue a selection of short term project and contract roles to gain experience and form connections in the industry. Although this approach can prove lucrative it can take several months to get to your career moving in the direction you want it to be going. Make the most of the opportunities provided by the University to meet and network with alumni from Modern Languages at the University of Southampton and learn from their experiences.

- **[Appointments bi-language](#)** – a multilingual recruitment agency focused on securing bilingual roles in a vast range of industries throughout London, the UK and overseas.
- **[Top Language Jobs](#)** – Specialist language recruitment portal operating across Europe and with a simple registration process to receive notifications on new jobs matching your criteria.

### **EBooks**

Check out our EBooks for information on lots of career areas, you can access them online [https://sotn.ent.sirsidynix.net.uk/client/en\\_GB/default](https://sotn.ent.sirsidynix.net.uk/client/en_GB/default)

Careers Uncovered: Teaching

Learning to Teach : A Handbook for Primary & Secondary School Teachers

So you want to be a teacher: How to launch your teaching career

Working for Yourself : An Entrepreneur's Guide to the Basics

