

Careers in MFL

MODERN LANGUAGES

careers using modern languages

finance	law	teaching
retailing	publishing	catering
journalism	civil service	interpreting
hospitality	translating	call centre work
travel and tourism	broadcasting	diplomatic service
local government	airline cabin crew	importing/exporting
customs and immigration	transport and distribution	marketing and sales

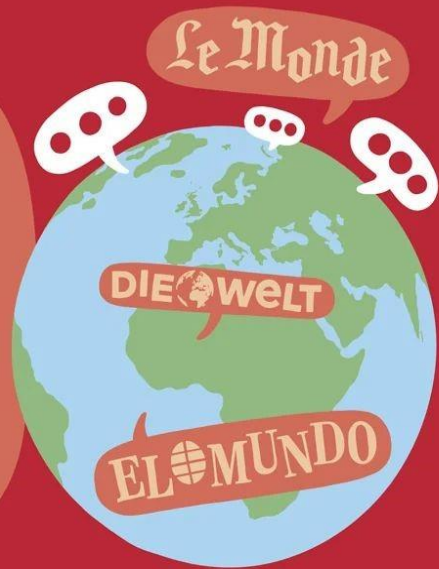


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5 WORK SKILLS LANGUAGES WILL GIVE YOU



COMMUNICATION



In school: You'll have to work with a partner for a lot of language learning, especially spoken dialogues. Over time you'll become more open and confident in holding a conversation. You'll learn to express yourself through body language and understand what other people mean even when...

CRITICAL THINKING



In school: You'll develop an understanding of different issues in the country you study and be able to compare them to the UK. You'll be encouraged to think about why approaches and perspectives are different, and question the information you're presented with.

INDEPENDENCE



In school: Learning a language encourages you to develop your own sense of independence as you'll have to use your initiative to practice grammar and remember vocabulary.

ADAPTABILITY



In school: Learning a language encourages you to be adaptable, staying open to new ideas and being flexible enough to respond to any challenges that come up – like figuring out ways to remember particularly complicated grammar.



RESOURCEFULNESS



In school: If you don't know a word or phrase, you have to be able to explain things in other terms. Since you can't always find a translation, it's good to learn how to be understood through other means.



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Careers in Modern Foreign Languages

It is amazing how far studying modern foreign languages can get you. Not only does it give you an opportunity to learn to write and speak the language(s) fluently, but it also offers the chance to explore a broad range of other mediums including literature, philology (the study of literary texts), film and translation.

The diversity of modern foreign languages makes it an enriching and rewarding choice, especially in an increasingly global world where additional language skills are essential for businesses to thrive.

Learning a language develops confidence, communication and interpersonal skills, which are all invaluable and transferable assets to the working world.

Jobs directly related to Modern Foreign Languages include:

- Academic researcher
- Interpreter
- Political risk analyst
- Secondary school teacher
- Translator

Jobs where Modern Foreign Languages would be really useful include:

- Broadcast journalist
- Detective
- Diplomatic service officer
- Education consultant
- English as a foreign language teacher
- Patent examiner
- Private tutor
- Publishing rights manager
- Sales executive
- Tour manager

Typical employers

Some modern language graduates work on a self-employed basis as interpreters or translators. However, many others are employed by companies who trade or offer services internationally, or to non-English speaking customers and suppliers.

Language graduates are therefore employed by a wide variety of employers and sectors, including:

- business services
- charity work
- media
- museums and libraries
- public administration

- tourism
- transport and logistics.

Skills for your CV

- Studying a modern language degree will help you to become a good communicator (both orally and in writing), and will also give you the skills to:
- effectively gather, assess and interpret information
- lead and participate in discussions and groups
- organise your workload to meet deadlines
- develop opinions and propose ideas
- read pages of text and pick out the essential points.
- Spending a year abroad during your degree helps you to develop cultural awareness, adapt to new and changing surroundings and to work both in a team and independently.

In an increasingly global jobs market, these skills are highly valued by employers, whichever career you go into.

Studying modern foreign languages at university – topics you may cover:

- Academic skills
- Applications of linguistics
- Elements of linguistics - sound, structure and meaning
- Narrative and cultural identity
- Reading culture
- History and politics
- Managing research and learning
- Conflicts, crisis and identities
- Culture, power and resistance
- Year Abroad Research Project (YARP)
- Audio-visual translation

Apprenticeships in MFL

Languages link to lots of apprenticeships because many job roles require individuals to be able to communicate with individuals who speak a different language, both within their own company and with external customers. Some of the more obvious job roles might be Language Teacher or a Journalist. But have you also thought about how it might link to other jobs like Cabin Crew, Marketing Executive and International Freight Forwarding Specialist

If you are able to speak a foreign language, it will increase your chances of finding work abroad, whatever job you want to do. Back home, plenty of employers are keen to track down candidates who can speak foreign languages, whether they are a tech company working with big clients abroad, or a charity providing support to vulnerable people who might not speak English as their first language.

Most big companies have offices in more than one place too. For example Google has 70 offices all over the world – from Bogota to Beijing, so being able to speak a second language could increase your chances of getting hired and moving up within a company, even if it's not the main part of the job.

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- AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER
 - AVIATION OPERATIONS
MANAGER
 - CABIN CREW
 - INTELLIGENCE ANALYST
 - INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT
FORWARDING SPECIALIST
 - JOURNALIST
 - MARINE PILOT
 - TEACHER
 - TRANSPORT PLANNER
 - TRAVEL CONSULTANT
- AND MANY MORE!**



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