

# WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MODERN LANGUAGES & LINGUISTICS DEGREE?

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## Using the Major Sheet:

- Large headings indicate **industry** area and subheadings indicate **employers** within that area.
- Use the titles to search for careers and related careers in order to explore your options within different areas of industry. Note that some career titles have multiple names for similar positions.
- An asterisk (\*) notes that additional training (certification, graduate school, high level of experience) may be needed in order to obtain this career. Make sure to thoroughly research career pathways.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Multilingual Services (Translation Bureaus, Phone Companies, Int'l Corp., Gov't)**

- International Operator
- Customer Service Representative
- Translator
- Technical Translator
- Interpreter
- Software Translator

### **Publishing / Journalism (Newspapers, Publishing Houses, Radio/TV, Wire Services)**

- Editor
- Reporter
- News Writer
- Foreign News Correspondent
- Sales Representative
- Technical Writer
- Researcher
- Travel Book Writer/Editor
- Promotions Assistant
- Circulation Personnel
- Critic
- Textbook Representative

### **Advertising / Marketing / Public Relations**

- Marketing Research Analyst
- Advertising Salesperson
- Media Buyer/Assistant
- Public Relations Specialist
- Marketing Coordinator
- Special Events Coordinator
- Consumer Survey Supervisor
- Copywriter
- Jr. Account Executive

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

### **Congress / State Legislature / President, Governor, Mayor's Office**

- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Legislative Research Assistant
- Congressional Committee Staff
- Legislative Correspondent
- Press Assistant
- Campaign Staffer/Aide

### **Policy Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Political Party/Public Interest/Nat'l Associations)**

- Public Opinion Interviewer
- Community/Field Organizer
- Program Developer/Coordinator
- Fund-Raiser/Development Associate
- Lobbyist Assistant
- Membership Coordinator
- Legislative Advocate
- Event Coordinator
- Political/Grassroots Organizer
- Project Manager
- Research Assistant
- Speech Writer

### **Research Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Non-Profits/National Associations)**

- Project Assistant
- Research Associate
- Public Policy Analyst

## **LOCAL, STATE, & FEDERAL AGENCIES**

### **Dept of: Transportation, Economic Development, Housing, Commerce, etc.**

- Public Affairs Officer
- Information Officer
- Tourism Development Officer
- Bicultural Program Specialist
- Contract Administrator
- Foreign Markets Analyst
- Port Marketing Rep.
- Research Assistant
- International Trade Expert
- World Trade Center Staff

## **INTELLIGENCE / CORRECTIONS**

- CIA/FBI/DIA Special Agent
- Government Intelligence Analyst
- Probation/Parole Officer
- Police Officer
- Immigration Agent
- Customs Officer

## **EDUCATION**

### **High Schools, Colleges, Language Schools, Corporations, Overseas Dependents Schools**

- Teacher
- English Instructor (ESL/EFL)
- Int'l Exchange Program Coordinator
- Admissions Counselor
- Int'l Student Advisor
- ESL Teacher
- Financial Aid Counselor
- Bilingual Education Aide
- Literacy Program Coordinator

## **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **Government (US AID, Foreign Service, USIA, State Dept. of Economic Development)**

- Foreign Service Officer
- Information Officer
- Congressional Foreign Relations/Affairs Committee Staffer
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- Writer
- Military Officer
- Consular Assistant
- Lobbyist

### **International Organizations (UN, UNESCO, IMF, UNICEF, WHO, OAS)**

- Economic Affairs Officer
- UN Guide
- Social Affairs Officer
- Military Officer
- Program Manager
- Researcher

### **Non-Profits (CARE, Amnesty Int'l, Catholic Relief Services, Population Council)**

- Public Policy Analyst
- Project Assistant
- Program Developer/Coordinator
- Community/Field Organizer
- Assistant Field Rep.
- Assistant for Special Projects
- Membership Coordinator
- Research Associate
- Project Assistant

## **HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Advocacy Groups, Government, Non-Profits, Hospitals**

- Community Service Agency Worker
- Recreation/Activities Coordinator
- Family Services Specialist
- Refugee Assistance Worker
- Foundation Aide
- Relocation Worker
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Community Outreach Worker
- Social Service Aide
- Researcher
- Social Service Administrator
- Caseworker
- Youth Director
- Community Organizer
- Proposal Reviewer

## **LAW**

### **Courts, Private Practices, Government, Corporations**

- Court Translator / Interpreter
- Legal Assistant
- Paralegal

## **TRAVEL & TOURISM**

### **Hotels, Resorts, Cruise Lines, Travel Agencies, Tour Operations, Airlines**

- Hotel Manager
- Tour Guide/Conductor
- Passenger Services Representative
- Resort Manager
- Flight Attendant
- Foreign Travel Advisor
- Travel Agent
- Sales Representative
- Air Traffic Assistant

## **BUSINESS**

### **Human Resources**

- Personnel/Human Resources Asst.
- Relocation Specialist
- Interviewer
- Benefits Coordinator
- Payroll Officer
- Staffing Specialist
- International Trainer
- Recruiter
- Job Developer

### **Banking / Finance**

- Branch Manager
- Assistant Trade Analyst
- Loan Representative
- Foreign Exchange Clerk
- Property Manager
- Int'l Banking Credit Analyst

### **Retail / Sales / Purchasing**

- Assistant Export Buyer
- Import/Export Traffic Manager
- Store/Department Manager
- Foreign Purchasing Agent
- Sales Representative
- Export Assistant

### **Preparation for a Competitive Job Market:**

- **Focus on transferable skill sets** as you pursue a degree in Modern Language and Linguistics.
- **Obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experiences.**
- **Supplement Modern Language and Linguistics course work** with **classes** that are **relevant** to your career.
- **Meet with a Career Specialist** to explore options, make decisions, and prepare for career choices.

### **Additional Career Center Resources:**

• **Major Sheets (MLL, MCS, ENGL, SOCY, ANTH, EDUC):** <https://careers.umbc.edu/tools/majors/>

• **The Vault:** <https://careers2.umbc.edu/tools/vault/>

- Use the top search bar to find these relevant guides:

["Vault Guide to Museum & Cultural Center Jobs"](#)    ["Vault Career Guide to Education"](#)

["Vault Guide to Travel and Leisure Jobs"](#)

["Vault Guide to Politics, Public Policy and Activism Jobs"](#)

["Vault Guide to Staffing and Human Resources Jobs"](#)    ["Vault Guide to Education Jobs"](#)

["Vault Guide to Foreign Trade Jobs"](#)

["Vault Guide to Foreign Languages and Studies Jobs"](#)

["Vault Guide to Child Care Jobs"](#)

["Vault Guide to Social Services Jobs"](#)