FOREIGN LANGUAGE

What can I do with this degree?

AREAS

EMPLOYERS

STRATEGIES

GOVERNMENT

Translation/Interpretation Journalism/Broadcasting Linguistics Diplomacy Civil Service Foreign Service

Immigration/Naturalization

Customs

Intelligence/Law Enforcement

Federal government organizations including:

Overseas aid agencies

Intelligence and law enforcement agencies

Federal Bureau of Investigation Central Intelligence Agency

Drug Enforcement Administration

Department of State

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Customs Service Library of Congress

Armed forces Voice of America Learn federal, state and local job application procedures.

Plan to attend a specialized school that teaches foreign languages.

Join armed forces as a way to get experience.

The government is one of the largest employers of people with foreign language skills.

ARTS, MEDIA, ENTERTAINMENT

Advertising

Translation/Interpretation Journalism/Broadcasting

Publishing/Editing

Public Relations

Museums

Foreign news agencies

Book publishers

TV networks

Radio stations

Film companies

Learn about the customs and culture of the country in which your language of study is primarily spoken.

Spend time studying or working abroad. Read international newspapers to keep up with developments overseas.

INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

Translation/Interpretation

Banking/Finance

Sales

Customer Services

Manufacturing

Engineering/Technical

Research

Operations Management

Consulting

Imports/Exports

Administrative Services

Banks/Financial institutions

Import/Export companies

Foreign firms operating in the U.S.

American firms operating in foreign countries

Manufacturers

Retail stores

Supplement coursework with business classes. Gain experience through an internship or work abroad program.

Find out which companies do business with the countries in which your language of study is spoken.

Be prepared to start in a position in the US working for a firm with an overseas presence. Very few entry level positions are available in international business.

AREAS

EMPLOYERS

STRATEGIES

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Translation/Interpretation

Airline Services Management

Booking and Reservations

Travel Services/Guidance

Tour and excursion companies

Travelagencies Hotels/Motels

Resorts

Restaurants

Airlines/Airports

Cruise lines

Railroads

Bus lines Convention Centers Take courses in hotel/restaurant administration.

Get a part-time job in a hotel or restaurant to gain experience.

Spend some time abroad to learn the traditions of fine dining, wines, etc.

Brush up on your knowledge of geography.

Plan to attend a travel school.

Develop office skills such as typing, organizing, and working with computers.

Read international newspapers to keep up with overseas developments.

INTERPRETATION/TRANSLATION

Interpretation:

Simultaneous

Consecutive

Conference

Escort/Guide

Judiciary

Translation

Literary

Localization

Medical

Freelance

Educational services

Business services

Government agencies

Healthcare organizations

International organizations

Courts

Publishers

Develop a "near perfect" knowledge of a second language. Seek out any opportunity to converse with native speakers to better learn the language.

Gain experience through internships or volunteering. Learn a third language for great job opportunities.

Develop aptitude with computers and the Internet.

 $\label{eq:most_people} \text{Most people who work in this field freelance}.$

Freelancers who have expertice in a particular area such as law or medicine may find more opportunities.

Seek certification or accreditation from an interpretation/translation organization.

SERVICE AND EDUCATION

Translation/Interpretation

Teaching

Educational Administration

Linguistics

Civil Service

Social Work

Mission Work

Library Science

Health Services

Hospitals

Religious and volunteer organizations

International organizations Law enforcement agencies

Social service agencies Universities/Colleges

Pre-schools

K-12 schools

Professional language schools English language institutes Overseas dependents' schools Obtain state teacher licensure for K-12 teaching. Develop superior written and oral communication skills in the English language including proper sentence structure and comprehensive

vocabulary.

Notify local hospitals, schools, and chambers of commerce of your availability to translate or interpret for international visitors.

Minor or double major in another subject that you could also teach.

Consider teaching English in another country.

GENERAL INFORMATION

• Choose an additional academic area of study to supplement the foreign language, preferably one that requires a high degree of technical skill. Most people with foreign language ability use those skills to assist them in a different career field such as business, education, etc.

Peace Corps or VISTA.

- Related courses to study include geography, history, civilization, foreign relations, international law, and world economics.
- Decide and choose which language is necessary for your career. Decide the level of foreign language ability you will need to acquire for success in your career. Possible languages to study: Spanish, German, French, Russian, Japanese, Chinese, Italian, Hebrew, Arabic and Portuguese.
- Plan to attend a private language institute to learn additional languages and cultures.
- Travel to a foreign country or study abroad in international exchange programs to learn different cultures.
- Study and practice your foreign language skills by reading foreign newspapers, magazines and books.
- Watch foreign movies and listen to foreign broadcasts to maintain your fluency.
- Volunteer your language skills to churches, community organizations and programs that work with people who speak your target language.
- Participate in summer programs, co-ops, and internships to improve your skills.
- Pen pal with a correspondent from a foreign country.
- Contact professional associations and read their publications to learn about job opportunities.
- Research job postings on the Internet to get an idea of jobs in which knowledge of a foreign language is useful.