

# What can you do with a foreign language degree? The possibilities are endless!

AREAS	EMPLOYERS	STRATEGIES
<b>U.S. GOVERNMENT</b> Translation/Interpretation Teaching/Linguistics Journalism/Broadcasting Civil Service/Foreign Service/Diplomacy Immigration/Naturalization/Customs Armed Forces	United Nations Overseas dependents' schools and aid agencies Library of Congress Voice of America The Foreign Service Intelligence and law enforcement agencies Armed Forces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn federal, state, and local job application procedures.</li> <li>• Plan to attend a specialized school that teaches foreign languages.</li> <li>• Join the armed forces as a way to get experience.</li> <li>• Volunteer with government programs such as the Peace Corps or VISTA.</li> </ul>
<b>ARTS, MEDIA, ENTERTAINMENT</b> Advertising Translation/Interpretation Journalism/Broadcasting Publishing/Editing	Museums Foreign news agencies Book publishers Hotels, motels, restaurants TV networks/Radio stations/Film companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn about the customs and culture of the country in which your language of study is primarily spoken, possibly by spending time in that country.</li> <li>• Read international newspapers to keep up with developments overseas.</li> </ul>
<b>INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE</b> Translation/Interpretation Banking Market research/Sales/Customer Services Manufacturing/Imports/Exports Consulting	Banks/Financial institutions Import/Export companies Foreign firms operating in the U.S. American firms operating in foreign countries Manufacturers Retail/Department stores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find out which companies do business with the countries in which your language of study is spoken.</li> <li>• Consult resources such as the <a href="#">Directory of Foreign Firms Operating in the U.S.</a>, <a href="#">Directory of American Firms Operating in Foreign Countries</a>, and <a href="#">American Register of Exporters and Importers</a>.</li> <li>• Supplement coursework with business classes.</li> </ul>
<b>TRAVEL AND TOURISM</b> Translation/Interpretation Airline Services Hospitality Industry	Tour companies Travel Agencies Hotels, motels, and restaurants Airlines/Airports Cruise lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take courses in hotel/restaurant administration and travel or get a part-time job with such employers.</li> <li>• Spend time abroad to learn foreign traditions.</li> <li>• Brush up on your knowledge of geography and international developments.</li> </ul>
<b>SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL</b> Computer Science Engineering Law Medicine Library Science	Corporate and research libraries School and public libraries Hospitals/Laboratories Foreign firms operating in the U.S. American firms operating in foreign countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop good oral and written communication skills.</li> <li>• Look into a Master's degree in library science.</li> <li>• Develop clerical skills (e.g. typing and organizing).</li> <li>• Work on computer skills.</li> <li>• Specialize in an area of research.</li> </ul>
<b>SERVICE AND EDUCATION</b> Teaching/Educational Administration Translation/Interpretation/Linguistics Civil Service Social 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 and English institutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get state certification for teaching; become a teaching assistant or teacher's aide.</li> <li>• Consider a graduate degree to teach in college.</li> <li>• Take both exams to become an interpreter.</li> <li>• Investigate teaching English in another country; get part-time job teaching English as a 2<sup>nd</sup> language.</li> <li>• Notify local hospitals, schools, and chambers of commerce of your ability to translate/interpret.</li> </ul>