



Careers in Curriculum

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Modern Languages

HOW LANGUAGES HELP
IN YOUR CAREER

creative
multilingualism



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What do Modern Languages graduates do?

Teaching professional is the top job held by modern languages graduates in employment in the UK.

Other jobs in the top ten include: business, research and administrative professionals, sales, marketing and related associate professionals, artistic, literary and media occupations, finance professionals, welfare and housing associate professionals, business associate professionals and media professionals.



Modern Languages as a Career

Modern Languages at
Oxford University

Careers



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
- engineering
- media
- museums and libraries
- public administration
- teaching
- tourism
- transport and logistics.



Jobs related to a Modern Languages Degree

Job profile examples including Labour Market Information click on links below:

- [Academic researcher](#)
- [Interpreter](#)
- [Political risk analyst](#)
- [Secondary school teacher](#)
- [Translator](#)



Jobs where your degree would be useful include:

Remember that many employers accept applications from graduates with any degree subject, so don't restrict your thinking to the jobs listed here:

- [Broadcast journalist](#)
- [Detective](#)
- [Diplomatic service officer](#)
- [Education consultant](#)
- [English as a foreign language teacher](#)
- [International aid/development worker](#)
- [Logistics and distribution manager](#)
- [Marketing executive](#)
- [Patent examiner](#)
- [Private tutor](#)
- [Publishing rights manager](#)
- [Sales executive](#)
- [Tour manager](#)

Modern Languages Degree



Translator



SALARY

Variable

Average UK salary in 2019 was £30,378 (source Office for National Statistics)



HOURS

37 to 39 a week

You could work: evenings / weekends; attending events or appointments



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Will increase by 0.8% in the future

There will be 0.8% more Translator jobs in 2026.

Translator



DAY TO DAY TASKS

- reproduce text clearly, accurately and in the style intended by the author
- use specialist translation software
- use specialist knowledge, like technical terminology
- research legal, technical or scientific terms
- consult with experts to make sure the translation is accurate
- keep your language skills up to date and current

Working environment

You could work in an office, from home or at a client's business.

Studying a Modern Languages develops skills in:

Studying a modern language degree will help you to develop good oral and written communication skills, and will also enable you 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.

Why study Modern Languages

