

## What Can I Do With a Major in Foreign Language?

### **Possible Career Options**

*(some career options could require advanced study)*

Advertising Copywriter  
 Archivist  
 Bilingual Secretary  
 CIA/FBI Agent  
 Consultant  
 Copy Editor  
 Court Interpreter  
 Cultural Officer  
 Customer Service Representative  
 Customs/Immigration Officer  
 Editor  
 Escort Interpreter/Guide  
 Flight Attendant  
 Foreign Film Dubber  
 Foreign Language Tutor/Teacher  
 Foreign News Correspondent  
 Foreign Service Officer  
 Foreign Student Advisor  
 Human Resources Representatives  
 Immigration Inspector/Agent  
 Indexer  
 Intelligence Researcher  
 International Banker  
 International Trade Specialist  
 Interpreter/Translator  
 Librarian  
 Library Technician  
 Missionary  
 Peace Corps/VISTA Worker  
 Police Office  
 Proofreader  
 Public Health Administrator  
 Radio/Television Script Writer  
 Radio/TV Announcer  
 Restaurant Manager  
 Social Worker  
 Teacher, English/Other Language  
 Teacher, Social Studies  
 Technical Writer/Communicator  
 Tour Organizer/Guide  
 Translation Service Company Owner  
 Travel Agent  
 UNESCO Official

### **Transferable Skills**

Understands & communicates well in a second language

Possesses excellent command of the English language

Learns technical terminology

Perceives and appreciates cultural differences

### **Translation Skills**

Translates written communication from one language to another

Pays attention to detail

Possesses excellent researching skills

### **Interpretation Skills**

Translates oral and written communication from one language to another

Makes quick and continuous judgments concerning spoken words

Speaks clearly, accurately, and quickly

Works well under pressure

## **Employment Sites**

**Past interns and graduates have worked at:**

Applied Academic Intervention 1  
Ashland Junior High School  
Ashland University  
Avantel Phone Company  
Berlitz Language Center Company  
CAB-TEK Inc  
Centerburg High School  
Cuyahoga Community College  
Enterprise Rent A Car Company  
Fowler Products, Inc  
Highland Park-Guinther  
Media City Board of Education  
New London High School  
Rittman Middle School  
Smithville High School  
Springfield Local Schools  
The Giving Tree  
Ward-Kraft Farms, Inc

## **Experiential Education**

Working and consulting with visa approval

Working in foreign language lab as student assistant

Broadcasting daily community service radio program in Spanish

Working in packaging division of manufacturing organization and developing directions in another language

Teaching language skills to elementary

Serving as translator for Community Service organizations when dealing with clients that speak another language

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## **Additional Resources**

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