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

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 • Translator • Interpreter
• Customer Service Representative • Technical Translator • Software Translator

Publishing / Journalism (Newspapers, Publishing Houses, Radio/TV, Wire Services)
• Editor • Sales Representative • Promotions Assistant
• Reporter • Technical Writer • Circulation Personnel
• News Writer • Researcher • Critic
• Foreign News Correspondent • Travel Book Writer/Editor • Textbook Representative

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

PUBLIC POLICY
Congress / State Legislature / President, Governor, Mayor’s Office
• Congressional/Legislative Aide • Congressional Committee Staff • Press Assistant
• Legislative Research Assistant • Legislative Correspondent • Campaign Staffer/Aide

Policy Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Political Party/Public Interest/Nat’l Associations)
• Public Opinion Interviewer • Lobbyist Assistant • Political/Grassroots Organizer
• Community/Field Organizer • Membership Coordinator • Project Manager
• Program Developer/Coordinator • Legislative Advocate • Research Assistant
• Fund-Raiser/Development Associate • Event Coordinator • 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 • Contract Administrator • Research Assistant
• Information Officer • Foreign Markets Analyst • International Trade Expert
• Tourism Development Officer • Port Marketing Rep. • World Trade Center Staff
• Bicultural Program Specialist

INTELLIGENCE / CORRECTIONS
• CIA/FBI/DIA Special Agent • Probation/Parole Officer • Immigration Agent
• Government Intelligence Analyst • Police Officer • Customs Officer

EDUCATION
High Schools, Colleges, Language Schools, Corporations, Overseas Dependents Schools
• Teacher • Admissions Counselor • Financial Aid Counselor
• English Instructor (ESL/EFL) • Int’l Student Advisor • Bilingual Education Aide
• Int’l Exchange Program Coordinator • ESL Teacher • 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

International Organizations (UN, UNESCO, IMF, UNICEF, WHO, OAS)
- Economic Affairs Officer
- UN Guide
- Program Developer/Coordinator

Non-Profits (CARE, Amnesty Int’l, Catholic Relief Services, Population Council)
- Public Policy Analyst
- Project Assistant
- Program Developer/Coordinator

HUMAN SERVICES

Advocacy Groups, Government, Non-Profits, Hospitals
- Community Service Agency Worker
- Recreation/Activities Coordinator
- Family Services Specialist
- Refuge Assistance Worker
- Foundation Aide

LAW

Courts, Private Practices, Government, Corporations
- Court Translator / Interpreter

TRAVEL & TOURISM

Hotels, Resorts, Cruise Lines, Travel Agencies, Tour Operations, Airlines
- Hotel Manager
- Passenger Services Representative

BUSINESS

Human Resources
- Personnel/Human Resources Asst.
- Relocation Specialist
- Interviewer

Banking / Finance
- Branch Manager
- Assistant Trade Analyst

Retail / Sales / Purchasing
- Assistant Export Buyer
- Import/Export Traffic Manager

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): http://careers.umbc.edu/tools/major-sheets/
- The Vault: http://careers.umbc.edu/students/discover/explore-careers-majors/
- Click on Vault Career Insider portal link and provide UMBC user ID and password
- Select “Guides” to view relevant guides such as:
  - “Vault Career Guide to International Careers”
  - “Vault Career Guide to Education”
  - “Vault Career Guide to Government Jobs”
  - “Vault Career Guide to Politics, Public Policy and Activism Jobs”
  - “Vault Guide to Human Resources Jobs”
  - “Vault Guide to Museum & Cultural Center Jobs”
  - “Vault Guide to Travel and Leisure Jobs”

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