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

COMMUNICATIONS
Multilingual Services (Translation Bureaus, Phone Companies, Int’l Corp., Gov’t)
- International Operator
- Customer Service Representative
- Technical Translator
- Software Translator

Publishing / Journalism (Newspapers, Publishing Houses, Radio/TV, Wire Services)
- Editor
- Reporter
- News Writer
- Foreign News Correspondent
- Travel Book Writer/Editor

Advertising / Marketing / Public Relations
- Marketing Research Analyst
- Advertising Salesperson
- Media Buyer/Assistant
- Special Events Coordinator

PUBLISH POLICY
Congress / State Legislature / President, Governor, Mayor’s Office
- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Legislative Research Assistant
- Public Opinion Interviewer
- Community/Field Organizer
- Program Developer/Coordinator
- Fund-Raiser/Development Associate

Policy Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Political Party/Public Interest/Nat’l Associations)
- Public Opinion Interviewer
- Community/Field Organizer
- Program Developer/Coordinator
- Fund-Raiser/Development Associate

Research Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Non-Profits/National Associations)
- Project Assistant

LOCAL, STATE, & FEDERAL AGENCIES
Dept of: Transportation, Economic Development, Housing, Commerce, etc.
- Public Affairs Officer
- Information Officer
- Tourism Development Officer
- Bicultural Program Specialist

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
- Escort

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

INTELLIGENCE / CORRECTIONS
- CIA/FBI/DIA Special Agent
- Government Intelligence Analyst
- Customs Investigator/Inspector
- Probation/Parole Officer
- Police Officer
- Correctional Caseworker
EDUCATION
High Schools, Colleges, Language Schools, Corporations, Overseas Dependents Schools
- Teacher
- English Instructor (ESL/EFL)
- Int’l Exchange Program Coordinator
- Admissions Counselor
- Int’l Student Advisor
- ESL Teacher
- Financial Aid Counselor
- Bilingual Education Aide
- Literacy Program Coordinator

HUMAN SERVICES
Advocacy Groups, Government, Non-Profits, Hospitals
- Community Service Agency Worker
- Recreation/Activities Coordinator
- Family Services Specialist
- Refugee Assistance Worker
- Relocation Worker
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Community Outreach Worker
- Social Service Aide
- Social Service Administrator
- Youth Director
- Community Organizer

Foundations
- Aide
- Researcher
- Proposal Reviewer

LAW
Courts, Private Practices, Government, Corporations
- Court Translator / Interpreter
- Personnel/Human Resources Assistant
- Interviewer
- Claims Representative/ Examiner
- Legal Assistant
- Staffing Specialist
- Underwriter
- International Trainer
- Recruiter
- Job Developer

TRAVEL & TOURISM
Hotels, Resorts, Cruise Lines, Travel Agencies, Tour Operations, Airlines
- Hotel Manager
- Tour Guide/Conductor
- Passenger Services Representative
- Reservations Agent
- Resort Manager
- Flight Attendant
- Foreign Travel Advisor
- Information Clerk
- Travel Agent
- Sales Representative
- Air Traffic Assistant
- Flight Announcer

BUSINESS
Human Resources
- Personnel/Human Resources Assistant
- Relocation Specialist
- Assistant Trade Analyst
- Bilingual Teller
- Benefits Coordinator
- Payroll Officer
- Foreign Exchange Clerk
- Export Assistant
- International Trainer
- Recruiter
- Int’l Banking Credit Analyst
- Property Manager
- Export Assistant

Insurance
- Claims Representative/ Examiner
- Insurance Agent
- Foreign Exchange Clerk

Banking / Finance
- Branch Manager
- Assistant Trade Analyst
- Bilingual Teller
- Loan Representative
- Foreign Exchange Clerk

Retail / Sales / Purchasing
- Assistant Export Buyer
- Import/Export Traffic Manager
- Store/Department Manager
- Foreign Purchasing Agent
- Sales Representative
- Export Assistant

KEEP IN MIND...
This list is just a brief introduction to your career options - it is not a complete list! Also keep in mind that although these career fields are open to you as a modern languages and linguistics major, you must take extra steps to prepare yourself for a competitive job market. It is important to:

1. obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experience (see CSC about their part-time, major-related job announcements; the Shriver Center about co-op, internship, and service opportunities; and Community Outreach about their volunteer programs) and
2. supplement your modern languages and linguistics course work with classes that would be relevant and beneficial to your chosen career field.

Make an appointment with a career advisor for suggestions on researching your career options, choosing a career field, and preparing for your chosen occupation.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
Internet sites: that allow you to explore career options for Modern Languages and Linguistics degree:
- Career Development Center - Links by Major: http://www.careers.umbc.edu/students/websites_major.php

UMBC, Career Services Center, MP 212, 410-455-2216, www.careers.umbc.edu