

The following is a sample of occupational titles and work settings related to Languages, Cultures, and Linguistics. Keep in mind that career options are not dictated solely by choice of major. Just as there are many careers open to graduates of any major, there are many paths to careers that do not require a specific degree. Use this information as a beginning guide to exploring options.

Sample Job Titles:

- Advocate
- Announcer
- Audiologist
- Bilingual Educator
- Categorization Analyst
- Civil Service Worker
- College Professor
- Corporate Travel Manager
- Court Interpreter
- Cross Cultural Trainer
- Cultural Advisor
- Cultural Anthropologist
- Cultural Historian
- Cultural Tour Guide
- Curator/Archivist
- Customs/Immigration Inspector
- Diplomat
- Diversity Consultant
- Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent
- Editor
- Educational Curriculum Designer
- ESL/ESOL Teacher
- Export/Import Manager
- FBI/CIA Agent
- FBI Linguist
- Forensic Linguist
- Foreign Service Officer
- Global Correspondent
- Global Exchange Trader
- Global Language Teacher
- Global News Editor
- Global News Translator
- Global Rights Manager
- Hospital Admitting Clerk
- Hotel Information Clerk
- Humanitarian Aid Relief Worker
- Intelligence Specialist
- International Booking Officer
- International Broadcast Announcer
- International Buyer
- International Education Administrator
- International Exchange Coordinator
- International Relations Specialist
- International Student Advisor
- International Trade Economist
- Interpreter/Translator
- Journalist
- Language Consultant (CIA)
- Lawyer
- Lexicographer
- Librarian
- Linguist
- Lodging Manager
- Media Specialist
- Missionary
- Museum Technician
- Open Source Officer (CIA)
- Policy Analyst
- Probation Officer
- Program Director, International Students Office
- Proofreader
- Public Health Educator
- Public Relations Manager
- Publisher
- Researcher
- Secondary School Teacher
- Social Service Program Director
- Study Abroad Specialist
- Technical Writer
- Travel Agent
- Travel Guide
- Travel Writer
- Wholesale/Manufacturing Sales Representative
- VISTA/Peace Corps Volunteer

Possible Professional Settings:

- Acting Industry
- Advertising Agencies
- Air, Bus, Rail Lines
- Archives
- Art Galleries
- Banks or Investment Firms
- Brokerage Firms
- Colleges/Universities
- Construction Companies
- Consulting Firms
- Courts of Law
- Cruise Ships
- Cultural Exchange Organizations
- Embassies
- Federal Agencies
- Federal, State and Local Government
- Film Companies
- Hotels, Resorts
- Immigration Centers
- Import/Export Companies
- International Business Organizations
- International Education Organizations
- Law Enforcement Agencies (FBI)
- Law Firms
- Libraries
- Multinational Firms
- Museums
- Newspapers, Magazines
- Non Profit Organizations
- Police Departments
- Professional and Technical Journals
- Publishers
- Public Relations Firms
- Public Service Agencies
- Testing and Assessment Companies
- Radio/TV Industry
- Research Departments
- Shipping/Transportation Companies
- Social Service Agencies
- Translation Services
- Travel/Tourism Agencies
- United Nations
- Department of State
- Foreign Service
- Global Trade Industry
- Health Services Agencies
- Cross Cultural Work Settings

Resources:

The following lists are samples of resources available for learning more about majors and careers.

Websites Related to this Field

- TEFL.net: www.tefl.net
- Omniglot: <http://www.omniglot.com/language/careers.htm>
 - Information on careers involving language, shows how linguistics overlaps other fields, and other helpful links.

Professional Associations - Samples

- American Association of Language Specialists: www.taals.net
- American Translators Association: www.atanet.org
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages: www.actfl.org
- Council on Foreign Relations: www.cfr.org
- Modern Language Association: www.mla.org
- Linguistic Society of America: <https://www.linguisticsociety.org/>
- The Linguist List: <http://linguistlist.org>

Sample Internship Sites & Volunteer Opportunities

- <https://spu.edu/administration/center-career-calling/prepare/finding-an-internship/internship-locations>

General Career Information

- Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/ooh/
- The Occupational Information Network, (O*Net): www.onetonline.org

SPU Resources

- Languages, Cultures, and Linguistics Website: <https://spu.edu/academics/college-of-arts-sciences/languages-cultures-linguistics>
- Major & Career Exploration (GS 2001 - 2 credits, offered every quarter)
- Career Counseling: call 206.281.2485 or stop by the Center for Career and Calling on the second floor of the SUB
- Academic Advising: www.spu.edu/depts/sas
- Academic Catalog: www.spu.edu/academics.aspx

* Websites are current as of August 2020. If any go inactive, please let us know.