

Career Information for Foreign Language Majors

OSU CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER RESOURCES

<https://career.oregonstate.edu/>

- Handshake Accounts
- Career Events- Get a Dam Job Series
- Career & Major Exploration
- Assistance with Job and Internship Searches
- Resume and Cover Letter Preparation
- Interview Skills
- Graduate School Information
- Alumni/ Employer Connections
- Resume Reviews with VMock

USEFUL JOB/INTERNSHIP RESOURCES

- O*NET
- Handshake
- Buzzfile
- LinkedIn (OSU Alumni)
- Internships.com
- Indeed.com
- USAjobs.gov
- Idealist.org
- www.governmentjobs.com/careers/oregon
- <http://www.publicservicecareers.org/>

HOT JOBS FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE MAJORS

- FBI agent
- U.S. Diplomat/Foreign Service Officer
- Hospitality Management
- Interpreter
- Translator
- Foreign Language Instructor & Linguist
- Market Researcher

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HOT JOBS FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE (CONT.)

- Product Localization Manager
- Immigration/Naturalization Services
- Journalism/Broadcasting
- International Finance
- Attorney
- Counseling
- Non-Profit Management

SKILLS DEVELOPED IN MAJOR

- Memorization
- Active Listening
- Interpersonal Communication
- Creativity
- Problem Solving
- Intercultural Competence
- Linguistic Awareness
- Adaptability
- Critical Thinking
- Collaboration

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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Virtually every type of career and industry has Professional Associations that host events and conferences, produce statistics and reports, write best practices and newsletters, announce job openings, and serve as a connector for their many professional members. As a student, you may be able to get a reduced (or free) membership rate and qualify for scholarships.

Here are some Professional Associations that Foreign Language Majors may want to check out:

- **International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language:** <https://www.iatefl.org/>
- **Association of International Educators:** <https://www.nafsa.org/>
- **American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages:** <https://www.actfl.org/>
- **National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators:** <https://najit.org/>
- **Modern Language Association:** <https://www.mla.org/>
- **The Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages:** <https://www.nectfl.org/>

MAKING PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

Creating and growing connections is crucial when it comes to finding internships and jobs. While you need to bring your experience and knowledge to the table, it is true that most employees secure their jobs through the people they know. Ask your faculty, advisors, and Career Development Career staff to help you find professionals in your fields of interest and start seeking out ways to expand your network.

Below are some tips that will help you start finding and nurturing valuable connections:

- **Conduct Informational Interviews-** Seek out OSU Alumni or other professionals to ask for a half hour meeting. Ask them questions about their jobs, careers, industry experience, etc.
- **LinkedIn-** A complete profile is a must-have for any college student to connect with a professional community and gain industry news and knowledge.
- **Online Presence-** Create a polished, professional online presence through various social media outlets.
- **Attend-** OSU career fairs, career panels, employer events, workshops, and career treks

SAMPLE OF GRADUATE DEGREE OPTIONS

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| • Master of Arts/PhD
(Language) Literature | • Master of Arts/PhD
Language, Literacy & Culture | • Master of Arts in Applied
Languages |
| • Master of Arts/PhD
(Language) Studies | • MAT Foreign Language
Teaching | • Master of Science Speech-
Language Pathology |
| • Master of Arts Linguistics | | • Doctor of Modern Languages |