

What can I do with a major in “French”?

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This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of French

Students majoring in French study one of the major languages of the world and prepare in literature, language, culture and linguistics for professions in international business, banking, trade, travel, and other professions in the public and private sector. Primary emphasis for French majors is on French speaking countries including France, Switzerland, Belgium, and Canada. Nevertheless, the development of language proficiency and an understanding of the French speaking world will make a student majoring in French a valuable asset to many organizations.

Research Careers

Georgia Career Information Center - <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

O*NET - <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook - <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles - <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)

Career Insider - powered by the Vault - http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources

*Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant for additional information or assistance.

Possible Job Titles of French Graduates

(*Jobs secured as reported by UGA Career Center post-graduate survey)

Associate Coordinator*	Diplomat	Intelligence Specialist Interpreter
Bilingual Instructor	Employment Interviewer	Language Researcher
Cast Member*	Flight Attendant*	Linguist
CIA/FBI Special Agent	Foreign News Journalist	Marketing Director*
Civil Service Worker	Foreign Services Worker	Peace Corps Volunteer French Teacher
Community Relations	French Teacher*	Restaurant Management*
Copy Editor	Historian	Sales Associate*
Corporate Specialist	Hotel Manager	Speech Pathologist
Customs Official	Immigration Specialist	Technical Recruiter*
Development Assistant*	Import/Export Agent	Translator

Possible Employers of French Graduates

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Advertising Dept/Agencies	Import / Export Companies	Peace Corps
Air, Bus, and Rail Lines	Investment Firms	Premiere Technologies*
Airports	Ketchum International*	Print Graphix*
Banks	Kimberly Clark*	ProCorps*
Bunim Murray Productions*	Linguarama*	Public Relations Firms
Chambers of Commerce	Lodgian, Inc. *	Public Service Organizations
Delta Airlines*	Maritz Internet Travel*	Schools/Universities
Embassies	Marriott's Chateau Elan*	Travel Agencies
Government Agencies	National Archives	ValueJet Airlines*
Hotel Chains	News Bureaus	Visitors Bureaus

Career Center Library Resources

Careers for Foreign Language Aficionados and Other Multilingual Types by H. Seelye and J. Day
Great Jobs for Foreign Language Majors by Julie DeGalan and Stephen Lambert
Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors by Blythe Camenson
Keys to Liberal Arts Success by Figler, Carter, Bishop & Kravits
Liberal Arts Jobs: The guide that turns learning into earning by Burt Nadler
Opportunities in Foreign Language Careers by Wilga Rivers
Directory of American Firms Operating in Foreign Countries
Directory of Foreign Firms Operating in the US

Campus Resources

Pi Delta Phi - French Honor Society - www.rom.uga.edu/pideltaphi
Language Communities - <http://rom.uga.edu/langcomm/Home.html>
Language Resource Center - <http://rom.uga.edu/lrc.html>
The French Table - <http://rom.uga.edu/news.html>

Employment Resources

Bi-Lingual Jobs - <http://www.bilingual-jobs.com/>
Center for International Trade and Security - <http://cits.uga.edu/>
Central Intelligence Agency Foreign Language Positions - <https://www.cia.gov/careers/index.html>
Language Jobs - <http://languagejobs.org/>
U.S. Department of State Careers - <http://www.state.gov/careers/>
French-American Chamber of Commerce - <http://www.facc-atlanta.com/>
National Association for Bilingual Education - <http://www.nabe.org/>
Society for French Historical Studies - <http://www.h-france.net/sfhs/sfhshome.html>
U.S. Travel Association - <http://www.ustravel.org/>
The Electronic Embassy: U.S. Foreign Embassies - <http://www.embassy.org/>

Additional Resources

American Association for Applied Linguistics - www.aaal.org
American Association of Language Specialists - <http://www.taals.net/>
American Association of Teachers of French - www.frenchteachers.org
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages - <http://www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1>
American Translators Association - <http://www.atanet.org/>