

What can I do with a major in Romance Languages

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

Description of Romance Languages

Students majoring in Romance languages will take courses that combine the study of literature, language, culture, and linguistics, which will lead to a development of language proficiency and an understanding of the cultures of areas of the world where these languages are spoken. Proficiency in two foreign languages also helps majors find employment in the public and private sectors. Majoring in Portuguese is possible at UGA only within a Romance Languages degree program (in combination with French, Italian, or Spanish). Portuguese, spoken in Portugal, Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, and several other countries in Africa, is a major language with over 170 million native speakers, making it the sixth most spoken language in the world. Half of all US businesses in Latin America are located in Brazil and there are a growing number of businesses in the Southeast with interests there.

Researching Job Titles and Careers

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)

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

Career Insider: Vault Guides http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

Candid Career http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (View professionals speaking about their careers under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

Possible Job Titles

Archivist	Diplomat	Project Manager
Advertising Sales Representative	Environmental Translator	Recruiter/Business Development
Associate Coordinator	Events Logistical Liaison	Research Associate
Associate Editor	Foreign News Journalist	Resource Coordinator & Inside
Bilingual Instructor	Foreign Services Worker	Sales Representative
Business Development Manager	Historian	Restaurant Management
CIA/FBI Special Agent	Immigration Specialist	Sales Associate
Civil Service Worker	Import/Export Agent	Social Media Coordinator
Client Services Coordinator	Language Researcher	Translator
Community Relations	Legal Assistant	Travel Consultant
Copy Editor	Linguist	Web Developer
Corporate Specialist	Multicultural Education and	
Customer Service Representative	Outreach Coordinator	
Customs Official	Program Coordinator	

Possible Employers

A Long Walk Home, Inc	H&A Events	ProCorps
Advertising Dept/Agencies	Hotel Chains	Public Relations Firms
Applied Health	Imagine Exhibitions Inc.	Public Service Organizations
CB Richard Ellis	Import / Export Companies	The Cottage School
Cenarte	Investment Firms	The Greenville News
Chambers of Commerce	Jericho Translations	TRANE
Delta Airlines	Linguarama	Travel Agencies
Education Department of Puerto Rico	Lodgian, Inc.	UCAR/NCAR
Embassies	National Archives	Unity Village
George Walton Academy	News Bureaus	Universidad de Cesar Vallejo
GEORGIA Magazine	Peace Corps	ValueJet Airlines
Global Collect	PlayOn! Sports	Visitors Bureaus
Google, Inc.	Premiere Technologies	Youth Venture
Government Agencies	Print Graphix	

To learn what types of positions and companies UGA students are working with, see the UGA Career Center Post Graduation Survey at www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/ and search for alumni on Linked In at www.linkedin.com.

Campus Resources

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>

To find additional clubs and organizations, go to the Center for Student Organizations at- <http://stuorgs.uga.edu/find/index.html>

Connect with your Career Consultant <http://career.uga.edu/contact#careerconsultants>

Employment Websites

GENERAL:

CareerSearch http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Research employers by location and/or industry)

DAWGlink www.career.uga.edu/ (login with your UGA MyID and password)

GoinGlobal (To access GoinGlobal, login to your DAWGlink account)

Idealist www.idealist.org/ (nonprofit jobs)

USAJobs www.usajobs.gov/ (federal jobs)

MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:

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>

FBI Linguistics - <http://www.fbi.gov/>

French-American Chamber of Commerce - <http://www.facc-atlanta.com/>

Language Jobs - <http://languagejobs.org/>

National Association for Bilingual Education - <http://www.nabe.org/>

Society for French Historical Studies - <http://www.h-france.net/sfhs/sfhshome.html>

The Electronic Embassy: U.S. Foreign Embassies - <http://www.embassy.org/>

U.S. Department of State Careers - <http://www.state.gov/careers/>

U.S. Travel Association - <http://www.ustravel.org/>

United Nations Internships/Careers - www.un.org

Professional Information Resources

American Association of Language Specialists - <http://www.taals.net/>

American Association of Teachers of Italian - <http://www.aati-online.org/>

American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese - <http://www.aatsp.org/>

American Dialect Society - www.americandialect.org

American Italian Historical Association - <http://www.aihaweb.org/>

American Translators Association - www.atanet.org

College Language Association - www.clascholars.org

Modern Language Association - www.mla.org

Society for Spanish & Portuguese Historical Studies - <http://uweb.cas.usf.edu/ssphs/home.htm>

Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. To search, select “groups” under the “interests” tab. Also, review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

Additional Career Consultant Recommendations:

Interested in graduate school?

Find current information on getting into graduate school at UGA’s Career Center webpage: http://career.uga.edu/graduate_school/

For additional resources and information on careers, please contact your career consultant to set up an appointment.