

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 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.

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 Romance Languages Graduates

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

Possible Employers of Romance Languages Graduates

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 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

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 Websites

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/>

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

United Nations Internships/Careers - www.un.org

Additional Resources

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

American Dialect Society - www.americandialect.org

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

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

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

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