

# 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 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 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.

## 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](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (Under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

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

## Possible Job Titles

Administrative Assistant	Events Logistical Liaison	Multicultural Education and Outreach
Associate Editor	Female Bilingual Voice Talent	Coordinator
Associate Project Manager	Foreign News Journalist	Paraprofessional
Bilingual Instructor	Foreign Services Worker	Peace Corps Volunteer
Business Developer	French Interpreter	Program Coordinator
Captioning Assistant	Hispanic Services Coordinator	Recruiter/Business Development
CIA/FBI Special Agent	Immigration Specialist	Remote Customer Training Professional
Civil Service Worker	Import/Export Agent	Research Associate
Client Services Coordinator	Intelligence Specialist Interpreter	Resource Coordinator & Inside Sales
Customs Official	International Immigration Case Clerk	Representative
Development Assistant	Legal Assistant	Sales Associate
Diplomat	Military Office Intern	Social Media Coordinator
Editor/French Cuisine	Multicultural Communications Manager	Translator
Environmental Translator		Travel Consultant

## Possible Employers

About.com	GEORGIA Magazine	Public Service Organizations
AFS Intercultural Programs	Global Collect	Savannah-Chatham Public School
ARCH Language Network	Google, Inc.	System
CapTel	Greenberg Traurig, LLP	The Cottage School
CB Richard Ellis	H&A Events	The Greenville News
Cenarte	Imagine Exhibitions Inc.	The Reynolds and Reynolds Company
Chambers of Commerce	Import / Export Companies	The Wesley Foundation
Cooper's Hawk Restaurant and Winery	Inter-Faith Council for Social Service	TRANE
Delta Airlines	International Studies Abroad	Travel Agencies
EDUCAUSE	IUPUI	Tuesday Morning
Embassies	Jericho Translations	UCAR/NCAR
Fablevision Animation	National Archives	Unity Village
French Ministry of Education	News Bureaus	University of Burgos
French-American Chamber of Commerce	Peace Corps	
	Public Relations Firms	

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/](http://www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/) and search for alumni on Linked In at [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com).

## Campus Resources

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**Pi Delta Phi - French Honor Society** - [www.rom.uga.edu/pideltaphi](http://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>

**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

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### GENERAL:

**CareerSearch** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (Research employers by location and/or industry)

**DAWGlink** [www.career.uga.edu/](http://www.career.uga.edu/) (login with your UGA MyID and password)

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

**Idealist** [www.idealists.org/](http://www.idealists.org/) (nonprofit jobs)

**USAJobs** [www.usajobs.gov/](http://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>

**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/sfhs/home.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/>

## Professional Information Resources

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**American Association for Applied Linguistics** - [www.aal.org](http://www.aal.org)

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

**American Association of Teachers of French** - [www.frenchteachers.org](http://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/>

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:

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### Interested in graduate school?

Find current information on getting into graduate school at UGA’s Career Center webpage: [http://career.uga.edu/graduate\\_school/](http://career.uga.edu/graduate_school/)

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