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# Foreign Language Career Information

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## An Overview...

Foreign language is a branch of the language arts that involves the study of language other than one's native tongue. Studies in a foreign language seek to improve the ability to communicate, to develop cultural awareness and sensitivity, to expand general knowledge and to promote more appreciation and tolerance of other cultures. Foreign language study often acquaints one with the geography, history, customs and traditions of other countries.

## Skills:

Ability to think logically & quickly make analogies  
Ability to practice for long periods of time  
Ability to adjust to new environments  
Ability to organize & memorize detailed information  
Background of general knowledge

Comprehensive command of grammar/vocabulary  
Good listening, clarifying & responding skills  
Proficiency in reading, writing and speaking  
Proficiency in phonetics  
Ability to imitate sounds

## Some Professional Careers:

Actor/Actress  
Announcer  
Anthropologist  
Audiologist  
Bilingual Secretary  
Buyer  
Civil Service Worker  
Copy Editor  
Customs Inspector  
Diplomat  
Educator  
Film Editor  
Flight Attendant  
Foreign Language Teacher

Foreign Student Advisor  
Health Administrator  
Historian  
Hotel Manager  
Immigration Inspector  
Import/Export Clerk  
International Banking  
International Relations  
Interpreter  
Journalist  
Lawyer  
Librarian  
Linguist  
Missionary

News Correspondent  
Personnel  
Producer  
Proofreader  
Scientific Linguist  
Social Worker  
Special Agent/FBI/CIA  
Speech Pathologist  
Teacher  
Technical Writer  
Textbook Publisher  
Tour Guide  
Translator  
Travel Agent

## Career Center Resources:

Visit [www.du.edu/career](http://www.du.edu/career) and click on Career Links for more information on careers in Foreign Language.

## **Hiring Organizations:**

Advertising agencies  
Banks/Investment firms  
Department stores  
Film companies  
Foreign language textbooks  
Government agencies  
Hotels  
Import/Export companies  
International airlines  
International diplomacy  
International service organizations  
International trade  
Labor unions  
Law firms  
Libraries  
Magazines

Military services  
Museums  
Newspapers  
Nonprofit organizations  
Professional journals  
Public relation firms  
Publishing firms  
Radio/TV industry  
Religious organizations  
Social service agencies  
Telephone companies  
Transportation agencies  
United Nations  
Universities/Colleges  
US Immigration Service  
US Travel Service

## **Professional Organizations:**

Modern Language Association of America  
26 Broadway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10004-1789  
(646) 576-5000 fax: (646) 458-0030  
[www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org)

Association of Departments of Foreign Language  
26 Broadway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10004-1789  
(646) 576-5140  
[www.adfl.org](http://www.adfl.org)

American Institute for Foreign Study  
River Plaza  
9 West Broad Street  
Stamford, CT 06902-3788  
(203) 399-5000 fax: (203) 399-5590  
[www.aifs.com](http://www.aifs.com)  
email: [info@aifs.org](mailto:info@aifs.org)

## **Job Titles and Employers of DU Undergraduate Foreign Language Majors:**

### **Job Title**

Bilingual Trade Secretary  
Counselor  
Director of Study Abroad Programs  
Event Planner  
Fellowship  
Intelligence Officer  
Lab Assistant  
Marketing Assistant  
Marketing Representative  
Membership Services Coordinator  
Spanish Teacher

### **Employer**

Roldolfo Corral  
Excelsior Youth  
University of Denver  
Ken Kozio  
State Department  
US Air Force  
University of Colorado Medical Center  
Ark-Seal  
Welling and Associates  
Denver Metro Convention/Visitors  
Elbert County School District