

Career Guide

What Can I Do with a Degree in Romance Languages?

Knowledge of a foreign language is valued in almost every career field, and hundreds of jobs even require that you speak a second language. Language fluency and cultural appreciation set you apart from other job candidates, providing you with a strong skill set for securing the job you seek. Below is a sampling of career opportunities for Romance Languages graduates:

Arts & Communications

foreign correspondent
columnist/commentator
publisher
editor
interpreter/translator
tour guide
film producer, director, or critic
sports agent
advertising copywriter
book reviewer
public relations representative
radio announcer
production manager
technical writer
special events coordinator
orchestral music administrator

Business & Finance

trade lawyer
market researcher
accountant
administration
human resources director
economist
stockbroker
import-export agent
financial planner
retail store manager
art/antiques auctioneer
corporate travel planner
manager of translation service

Education & Social Services

library science
teacher
crisis counselor
language school manager
sociolinguist
international student advisor
social worker
professor
disaster relief worker
probation officer
criminology/law enforcement
school counselor
drug abuse counselor
youth camp director
occupational health care
Peace Corps volunteer
exchange program counselor

Government

translator/interpreter
immigration officer
grants & contracts manager
foreign policy analyst
legislative staff member
law enforcement
military
diplomatic foreign service
customs official
embassy support staff
legal advisor
city cultural events planner

In addition to language fluency, you have developed many other skills and abilities that will help you to excel in numerous career areas:

Marketable Skills

reading/writing foreign language
public speaking
reading/thinking critically
writing carefully/clearly
explaining complex concepts
interpreting data
comparing interpretations
understanding other cultures
working as a team
acknowledging value systems
adapting to other cultures
listening carefully
interviewing non-judgmentally
gathering information
summarizing ideas
evaluating research results

For more information on career choices, graduate/professional schools, internships, or job descriptions, contact:

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