

Courses and Careers in Languages: Studying at UEA

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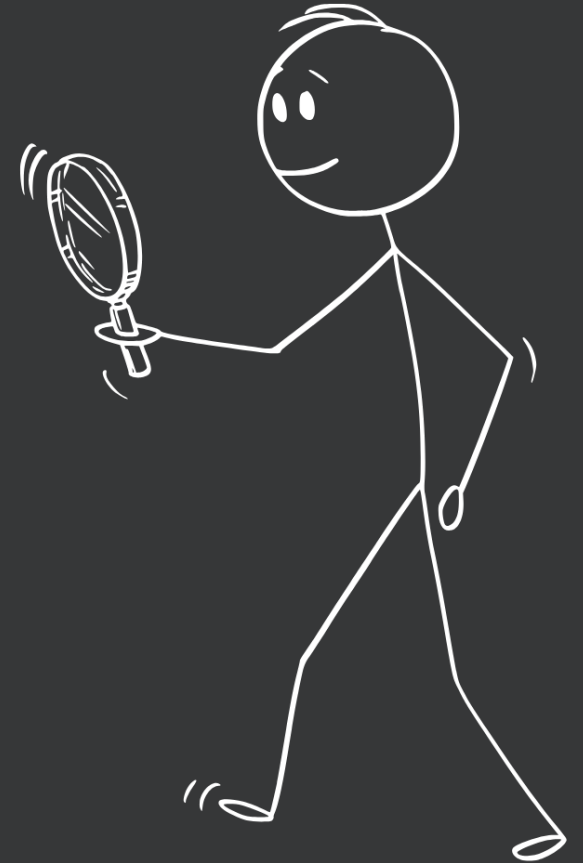


The importance of being multilingual

Recent 2024 research by City Lit found growing employer demand for multilingual workers.

Their analysis of 20,000+ UK Indeed job listings used searches such as “[language] speaking” across multiple industries and 18 different languages.

They then ranked languages by the percentage of total listings, revealing which are currently most in demand across UK sectors.



The importance of being multilingual

The Top 5 Languages identified by [City Lit](#)

Rank	Language	Percentage of jobs available
1	German	25.5%
2	French	23.9%
3	Spanish	15.6%
4	Turkish	13.3%
5	Mandarin	3.6%



Top industries

Top 10 industries looking for multilingual applicants by [City Lit](#)

Rank	Language	Percentage of jobs available on Indeed
1	Management	13.2%
2	Recruitment	6.1%
3	Technology	5.2%
4	Sales	5.0%
5	Marketing	4.5%
6	Education	4.1%
7	Insurance	3.5%
8	Finance	3.3%
9	Bank	3.3%
10	Engineering	2.6%



Executive Search Specialist



**GEORGINA
POTTER**

**INTERPRETING &
TRANSLATION**

I work in International Executive Search. Every day I speak with people in multiple territories in EMEA (Europe, Middle East & Africa), and further afield, presenting new career opportunities and helping develop and accomplish career aspirations.

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Game Development Specialist



KATRINA PARKER

TRANSLATION & INTERPETING WITH FRENCH & SPANISH

I am a Game Deployment Specialist for Rainbow Six Siege. I moved to Montreal four years ago in pursuit of a career in video games. I started out in a pretty niche role as a British Localisation tester, adapting video game content for a British audience. I now essentially coordinate the delivery of content for a Live Game, ensuring we ship on time and with good quality. We oversee the Game Production process and work daily with all the different teams involved to ensure major issues are fixed before the next release and that all the new content and features are ready. I am now a Specialist in this role and looking to continue growing in this fun and constantly evolving industry!

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Food Export Manager



CLIFFORD CHUNG

JAPANESE & MANAGEMENT

I am now the manager at Mineichi Europe, a food exporter based in London specialising in the Asian region. Recently I was sent to Tokyo to help a client host a booth at one of the largest food exhibition in Asia. I was in a few client meetings with potential buyers from everywhere around the world. I was invited to the British embassy in Japan for a networking reception with representatives from companies and government sectors.

Job options

[Prospects.ac.uk](https://prospects.ac.uk) have identified job types that directly relate to a language degree:

[Academic researcher](#)

[Diplomatic service officer](#)

[English as a foreign language teacher](#)

[Intelligence analyst](#)

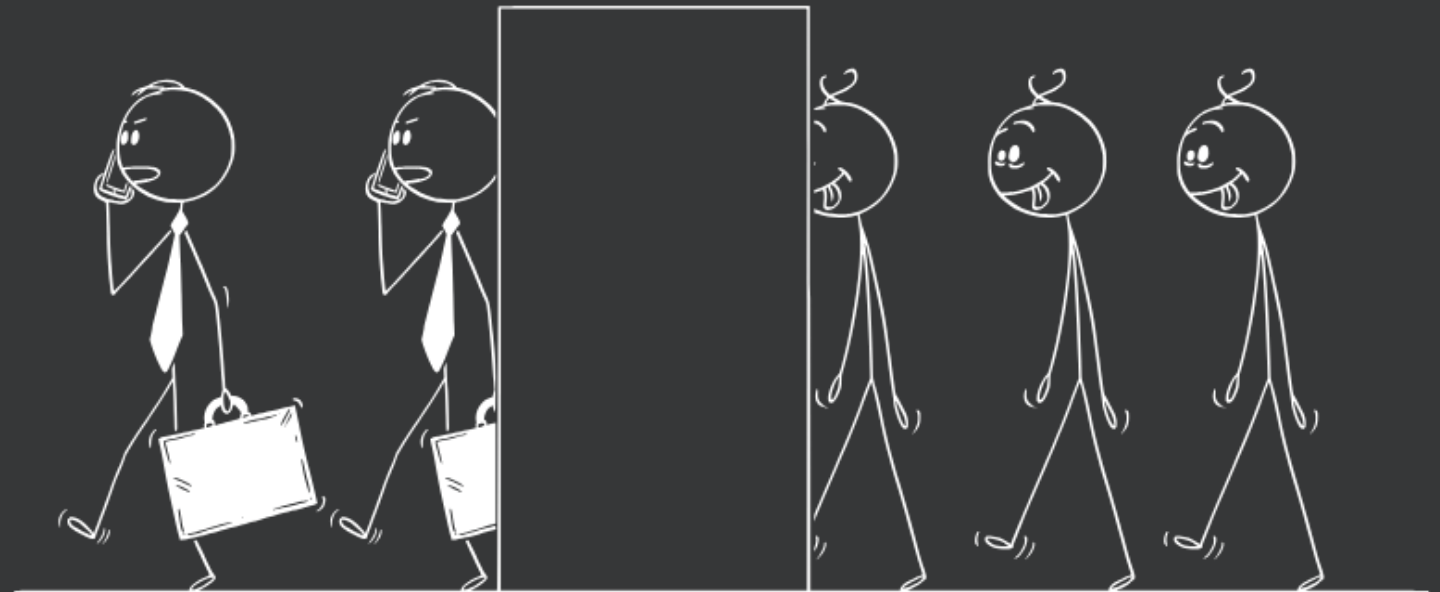
[International aid/development worker](#)

[Interpreter](#)

[Political risk analyst](#)

[Secondary school teacher](#)

[Translator](#)



Linguist-Weapon Systems Operator



JADE



**SPANISH (FROM BEGINNERS)
AND FRENCH WITH TRANSLATION
& INTERPRETING**

I have worked as a Modern Foreign Languages Teacher and now work for the Royal Air Force. I am training to be a specialist Linguist-Weapon Systems Operator. My day began with a battle physical training session followed by Arabic lessons. I am currently learning Arabic from beginner to near-native level over the course of 18 months. Later in the year, I will put my skills into practice with immersion training in Jordan.

Job options

Prospects.ac.uk also identify jobs where a languages degree would be useful:

[Broadcast journalist](#)

[Education consultant](#)

[Logistics and distribution manager](#)

[Marketing executive](#)

[Patent examiner](#)

[Private tutor](#)

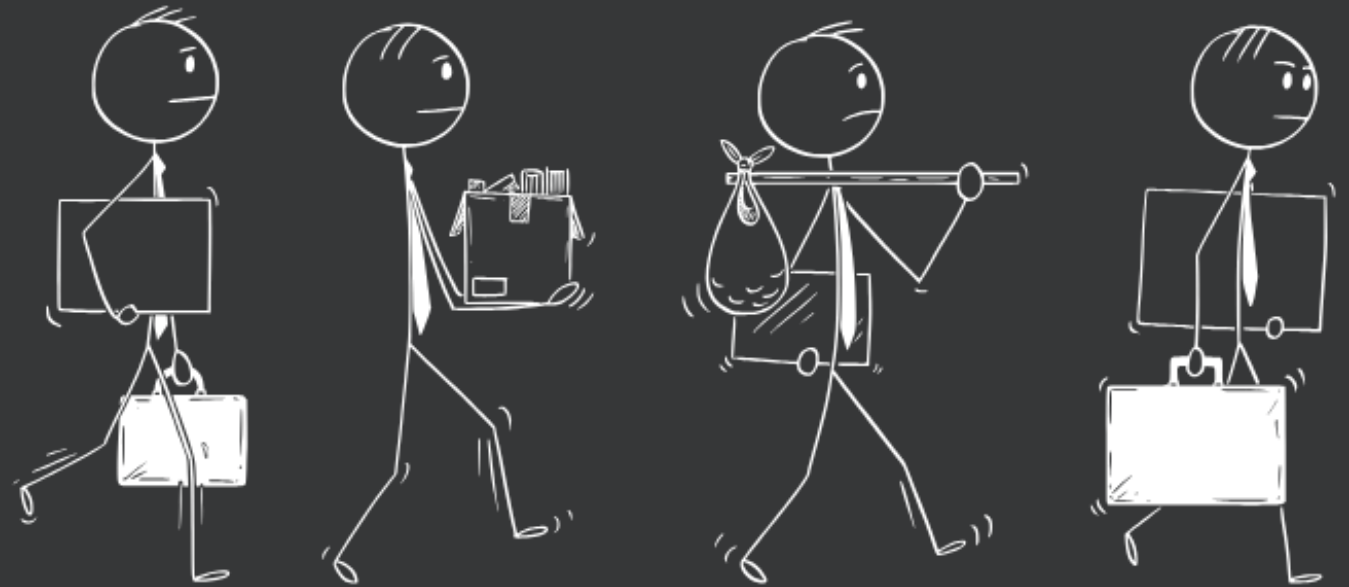
[Public relations officer](#)

[Publishing rights manager](#)

[Sales executive](#)

[Tour manager](#)

[Tourism officer](#)





MARLON HALL

FRENCH

I worked for a few years in the leisure and tourism industry. Now I am a freelance interpreter working with French, Spanish and Portuguese, mostly community interpreting in medical, educational, housing, social security and legal settings. Today I went to hospital to interpret a cognitive assessment for a patient who had suffered a stroke.



EWELINA TUREK

JAPANESE

I worked as an English teacher in Japan, then completed an MSc course in Japanese Studies before working at Japan's tourism board.

Now I work in marketing and communications for South African Tourism focusing on the UK and Irish markets.

Today I was planning a trip to Cape Town before a trade show and helping a journalist with their press trip next month.



LUCY HARFORD

MODERN LANGUAGES: FRENCH

I am a Freelance Translator and Subtitler.

Today I translated an episode of a French TV series called "Munch" and did some further work on a subtitling project about racism in France, which has required simultaneous collaboration from people in at least five different time zones!



TAZ ZEMBASHIS

TRANSLATION, MEDIA & SPANISH

I am a Senior Social Media Executive. After university, I worked in marketing at a vineyard promoting wine and tourism.

Today, I executed a new campaign, delivering content from world-class speakers as TikTok first content for my company's brand reaching thousands of impressions and likes.



THU HUONG

MA APPLIED TRANSLATION



I am now a freelance translator working into Vietnamese. Today I completed a 5K word LQA project and spent the rest of the day consulting a UK client on some localised assets for their newly-launched product in Vietnam.



DOMINIKA MOHYLA

INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION WITH BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

I studied Intercultural Communication and Business Management at UEA.

I now work as a Project Manager for European Research projects in research and innovation, in areas such as medicine, logistics, transport etc. Today I have calculated the leftover project budget to ensure the budget is well spent.



MARCUS KETLEY

TRANSLATION, MEDIA AND SPANISH

I am the Early Careers Advisor for a global law firm. My role mainly focuses on the Trainee Solicitor population and my day-to-day activities range immensely. My week can go from being present at attraction events, to interviewing alongside Partners, to getting involved in some of the more intricate HR related activities.

Communication is so important in my role and as a language graduate this is a very well fine-tuned skill we have! Having difficult HR conversations is not easy, but it must be easier than a 30-minute presentation on Spanish Phonetics!



AFIA KHAN



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & FRENCH

I now work as a Corporation Tax Specialist at HMRC, UK Civil Service. Today I formulated a paper explaining the amendments made to a particular part of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 in the 2021 Autumn Budget so that this paper can be shared with senior stakeholders in HMRC as well as distributed to large banks in the banking industry. This work supports the provision of effective customer service by HMRC to the banking sector in order to support banks to comply with UK Tax legislation.



ARIS ERDOGDU

SPANISH WITH TRANSLATION & MEDIA

I work as a communications manager for an organisation that promotes DAB+ digital radio. As part of my role, I oversee all external communications and produce a weekly newsletter that goes out to over 5000 members. Today, I drafted a press release regarding the uptake of DAB+ across Europe, and worked on putting together a comms plan for an upcoming event we will be attending. I also work freelance for a football translation and interpreting agency. I recently went to the Arsenal training ground to interview a new Greek player in Greek.





What we teach at UEA

- Languages
- Translation
- Interpreting
- Global Communication
- Media
- Management Studies

Our courses

- BA Modern Language(s)
- BA Translation, Media and Modern Language(s)
- BA Translation and Interpreting with Modern Languages
- BA Modern Language(s) with Management Studies
- BA Modern Language with a Foundation Year
- BA Global Communication with Business Management
- BA International Relations and Modern Language
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modules

Links with
professionals

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student body

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community

Lots going on
outside the
classroom

Study abroad
opportunities

Practical, career-oriented modules

- Translation Work Experience
- Technological Tools for Subtitling and Dubbing
- Technological Tools for Media Accessibility
- Introduction to Conference Interpreting
- Introduction to Public Service Interpreting

- Global Communication in Practice
- Global Intercultural Leadership
- Intercultural Business Communication

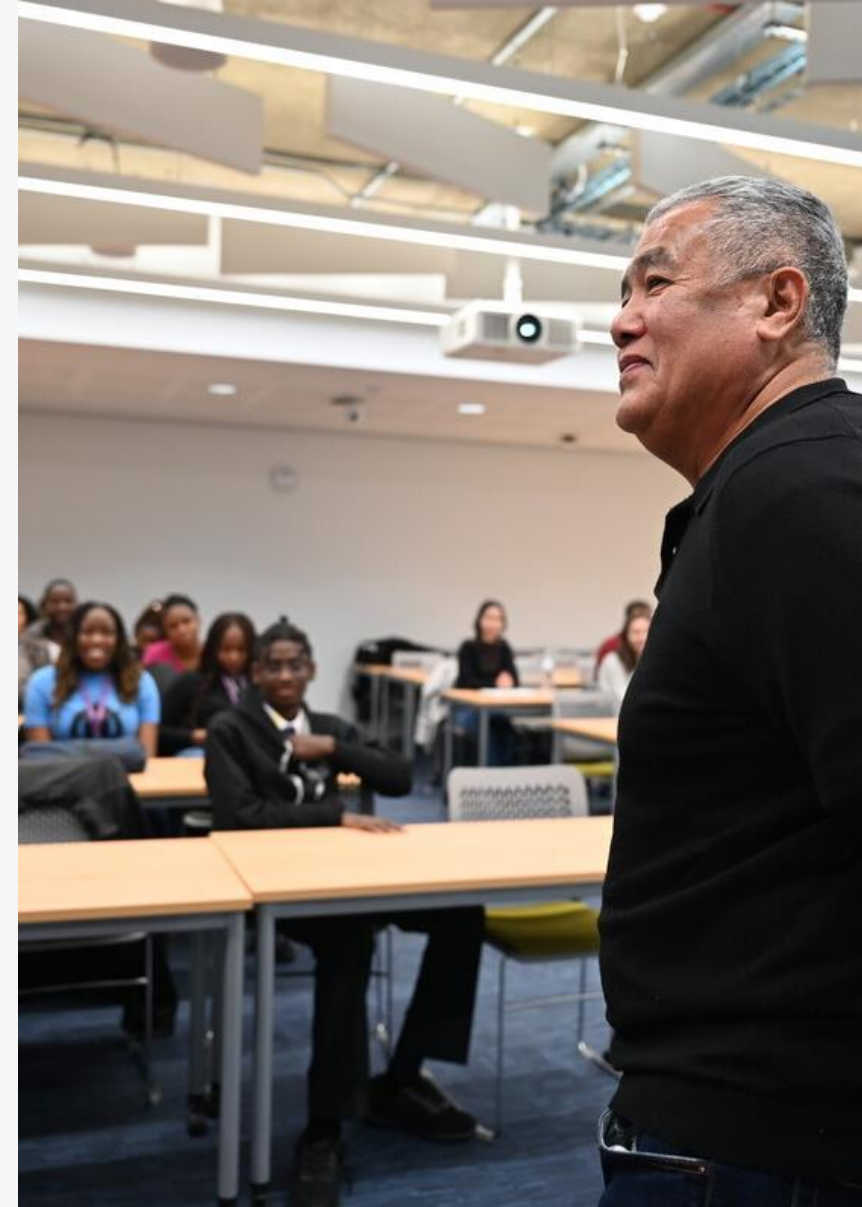


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Culture-related modules

- Introduction to World Languages and Cultures
- Language, Culture and Identity (French, Spanish and Japanese seminars)
- Latin America and the World
- Japanese Popular Culture in the Media
- Anatomy of a City: Paris 1682-1815
- Global Communication: Concepts and Approaches



Digital media modules

- Film and Video Production
- Digital Media: Concepts, Technologies & Cultures
- Critical Approaches to Digital Media in the AI Age
- Making Digital Media
- Digital Storytelling



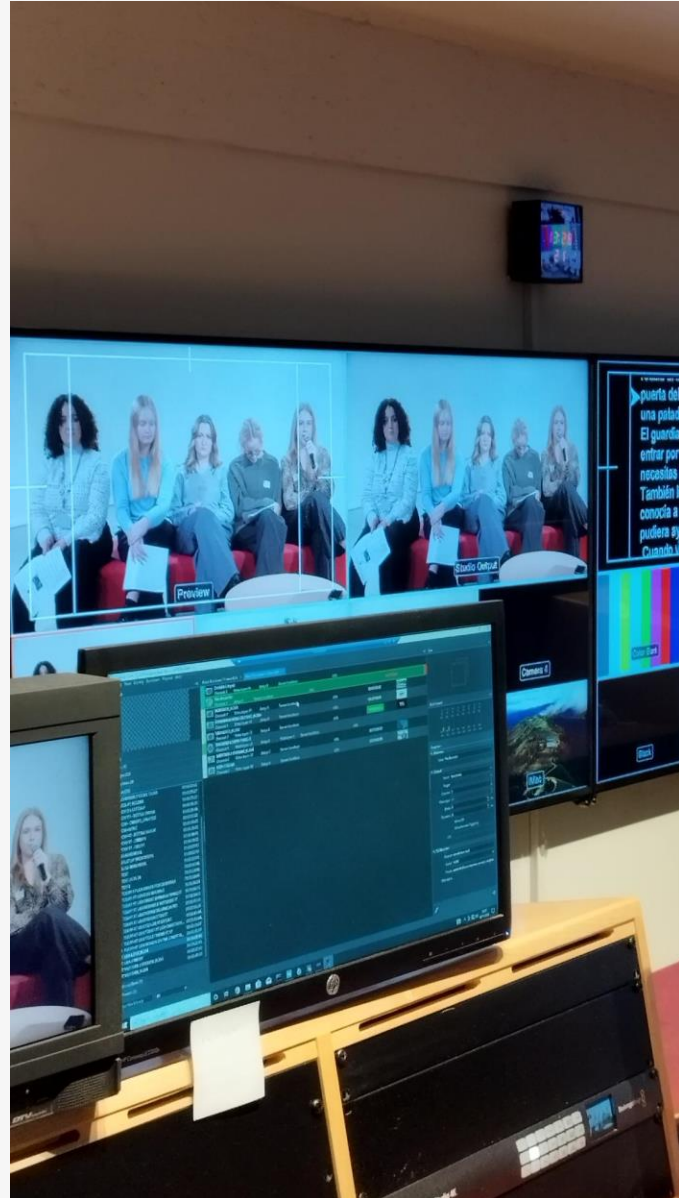
Creative assignments

Second Year French Honours

Students write and present a News Show in French and record it in the Media Suite

They have an opportunity to:

- act as TV host or reporter,
- get a taster of what it is like to apply their language skills to journalism
- gain confidence in public speaking
- develop essential transferable skills useful in any career



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